

ECU MPA Enrollments, Time to Graduation, and Employment Statistics

November 2024

Number of Students Enrolled

| Students | Fall 2019 | Spring 2020 | Fall 2020 | Spring 2021 | Fall 2021 | Spring 2022 | Fall 2022 | Spring 2023 |
|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| New | 21 | 5 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 16 | 8 |
| Continuing | 20 | 41 | 35 | 38 | 35 | 37 | 22 | 35 |
| Total | 41 | 46 | 47 | 46 | 44 | 40 | 38 | 43 |

Degrees Awarded

| Term | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Summer | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fall | 11 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Spring | 4 | 8 | 3 | 20 | 8 |
| Total | 16 | 11 | 9 | 20 | 8 |

Length of Degree / Time to Graduation

The ECU MPA program is designed so that full-time students taking nine semester credit hours (i.e., three graduate classes) for four regular fall/spring terms and six semester credit hours (i.e., two graduate classes) during the intervening summer term can complete the program in 21 months. Our program enrollment, however, has generally had an even balance of both full- and part-time students. Thus, our time to graduation rates vary substantially based on this mix.

The table below shows the mean number of years it took our students who graduated in that academic year to complete the MPA program. The average of mean annual times to graduation over the past five years is 2.36 academic years.

| | Graduation Academic Year | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 |
| Mean Years to Graduation | 2.37 | 1.81 | 1.88 | 2.61 | 3.12 |

Completion Rate

Of the 13 students who entered the MPA program in the 2018-2019 academic year, 38% graduated within two years, 69% graduated within three years, 77% graduated within four years, and 77% within five years. Three students in the 2018-2019 cohort withdrew from the University without completing the program.

Alumni Employment Statistics

For the 8 MPA students graduating in the 2022-2023 academic year, the following is a breakdown of employment placements following their completion of the program: four students are working in local government; one in central government outside the U.S.; one in the nonprofit sector; one serving in the U.S. armed services; and one who was currently seeking employment in the profession.

2022-2023 MPA Graduates' Employment by Category

| Category of Employment | Number of Grads |
|--|-----------------|
| National or central government in the same country as the program | 0 |
| State, provincial, or regional government in the same country as the program | 0 |
| City, county, or other local government in the same country as the program | 4 |
| Government not in the same country as the program (all levels) or international quasi-governmental | 1 |
| Nonprofit, domestic-oriented | 1 |
| Nonprofit, NGO/internationally-oriented | 0 |
| Private sector, research/consulting | 0 |
| Private sector, not research/consulting | 0 |
| Obtaining further education | 0 |
| Military service | 1 |
| Unemployed, not seeking employment | 0 |
| Unemployed, seeking employment | 1 |
| Status unknown | 0 |
| Total | 8 |

For our MPA graduates completing the program prior to the 2022-2023 academic year, data from our Fall 2020 alumni survey indicate that state government is the most common employer among graduates following closely by local government (county or municipal).