



Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program

ECU's 42-credit MPA program is designed for pre-service and in-service students looking to start or advance their careers in government and nonprofit sectors.

PROGRAM FEATURES

- Classes are offered in a mix of in-person/on-campus and online (synchronous and asynchronous) formats
- In-person and synchronous online classes meet one evening per week
- Complete the program either full-time (3 classes per semester) or part-time (1-2 classes per semester)
- No GRE requirement
- International accreditation (NASPAA) to protect your degree's value
- Learn with recognized faculty with diverse public management and policy backgrounds and research interests

PROGRAM ADMISSION

The MPA program admits students in fall, spring, and summer semesters. ECU Graduate School application deadlines are August 1, December 15, and May 1, respectively. Applicants should submit or satisfy the following:

- ECU Graduate School application and application fee
- Resume
- Statement of purpose describing professional goals
- Official transcripts demonstrating a minimum 2.7 undergraduate GPA
- Three letters of recommendation

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

MPA students complete a total of 14 courses (42 credits) in a mix of core and elective courses. Eight core courses and five electives are required. Pre-service students complete an internship. In-service students may be eligible for an internship waiver. Full-time students typically complete the program in two years.

Core Courses:

- Politics & Management
- Analysis in the Public Sector
- Quantitative Methods
- Human Resource Management
- Public Budgeting & Finance
- Applied Policy Analysis
- Leadership & Ethics
- Professional Paper/Capstone

Common Elective Options:

- Productivity/Performance Management
- Economic Development
- State & Local Government Finance
- Program Evaluation
- Intergovernmental Relations
- Organization Theory
- Nonprofit Management