Master of Public Affairs

Curriculum
The Master of Public Affairs degree is a professional diploma designed to prepare students to build competencies and develop creative solutions for challenges in finance, leadership, human resources and project management. The degree will prepare students for carrying out administrative and leadership responsibilities in government and nonprofit settings. The specific outcome objectives for students who graduate with the MPA degree are:

• An understanding of the philosophical, theoretical and legal foundations of public management, policymaking and leadership in government and nonprofit settings.
• Proficiency in organizational and decision analysis, research and evaluation practice, and quantitative and qualitative techniques.
• Sound preparation for careers in the public and nonprofit sectors.
• Mastery of persuasive written and oral communication.

Career Options
Graduates of the program seek positions such as: city manager, government and nonprofit executive, human resource director, policy analyst, local government and nonprofit manager, police officer, firefighter, management analyst and public sector consultant.

Degree Program
Students must complete at least 36 credit hours to earn a Master of Public Affairs. This includes:

• 24 semester credit hours of required core.
• 9 semester credit hours of directed electives with a chosen specialization in:
  • Public Management.
  • Local Government Management.
  • Nonprofit Management.
  • Policy Analysis.
• 3 semester credit hours of Capstone Seminar.
• Students without public or nonprofit work experience will be required to enroll in additional 3 semester credit hours of internship.

For complete admission and degree requirements, view the Graduate Catalog at catalog.utdallas.edu.

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