

Master of Public Administration Student Learning Outcomes
CIP: 440401

The major purpose of the curriculum is to provide professional training for a wide range of administrative positions in the public sector, while providing flexibility to each student to specialize in an area of individual interest. At the same time, the program also provides a broader understanding of the process of public administration within the given political setting and allows pre-service students the experience of working in a public agency as interns.

On completion of the curriculum, all MPA students should:

- I. Demonstrate expertise in research methods and policy analysis, understand the politics and economics of public budgeting and the various budgetary techniques, know organization theory and behavior, understand information technology, and show mastery of laws and practices pertaining to personnel management;
- II. Have knowledge of one or more elective areas such as administrative law, administrative ethics and comparative administration and show expertise in one area of concentration such as: budgeting, personnel management, international/comparative administration, or planning.
- III. Pre-service students, while working as interns, acquire practical experience in administration and the workings of public or not-for-profit bureaucracies, while mid-career students relate their work experience to literature on public administration.