

Public Administration

Degree Type

Master of Public Administration (MPA)

Admission Requirements

Admissions criteria for the Master of Public Administration (MPA)

Graduate Admissions - Masters level

Prospective students are required to submit the following:

- Completion of application for admission
- Official transcripts for bachelor or graduate degree within 5 weeks of the class start date (refer to Conditional Acceptance). (All credentials earned outside the United States must be evaluated by a NACES or AICE-member credential evaluation service). Please speak with an admissions representative for more information.

Note: See program notes and specific requirements below for each graduate - masters level degree program

Specific requirements for admission to classified graduate status are:

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Completion of application for admission.
- A 2.7 overall grade point average or higher on completed requirements for the baccalaureate degree, or an earned graduate degree from an accredited institution with a CGPA of 3.0 or higher.

Provisional Admission:

Applicants with an undergraduate degree CGPA of less than a 2.7, but not lower than a 2.3, or a graduate degree CGPA of less than 3.0, but not lower than a 2.7, will be considered for provisional admission. Students who do not attain a 3.0 GPA in the first quarter will be dismissed. Students cannot appeal the dismissal from the university as a result of failure to meet the conditions of provisional admission.

For additional admissions information please see the admissions section [here](#).

Program Overview and Outcomes

Offered at Columbia, Online Programs, Savannah, and Virginia Beach.

Note: Not all Online Program offerings are available to residents of all U.S. states. Please contact an admissions representative for further information.

The Master of Public Administration degree program at South University is designed to address the needs of students for applied coursework in areas of critical importance to local, state, and national governmental and non-profit organizations. The program covers a broad range of governmental and nonprofit topics to help develop each student's knowledge, skills, and abilities. This degree program integrates knowledge from other areas to provide a combination of general and specialized information in a multi-disciplinary approach.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

1. Apply a broad conceptual framework to public administration issues, which will include economic, political, legal and social institutions and processes that affect the actions and decision of political leaders and public managers.
2. Communicate clearly, orally and in writing, their understanding of the challenges of government agencies and many public sector problems/issues and the multiple paths for solutions.
3. Demonstrate effective teamwork and communication skills in order to build strategic alliances within political and administrative structures.
4. Apply quantitative analysis and critical thinking skills.
5. Demonstrate attainment of discipline-specific knowledge and the practical skills to be effective in the field.

Master of Public Administration: 48 Credits

Core: 44 Credits

Course Code	Title	Credits
MBA6501	Strategic Human Resources Management	4.0
MPA5001	Foundations of Public Administration	4.0
MPA5005	Public and Non-profit Organizational Behavior	4.0
MPA5010	Public and Non-profit Budgeting and Accounting	4.0
MPA6001	Research and Data Analysis in Public Administration	4.0
MPA6100	Non-profit Fundraising and Volunteer Development	4.0
MPA6105	Grant Writing and Contract Administration	4.0
MPA6110	Management of Non-profit Organizations	4.0
MPA6115	Program Evaluation of Public and Non-profit Organizations	4.0
MPA6501	State and Local Government and Intergovernmental Relations	4.0
MPA6505	Legislative and Judicial Process	4.0

Capstone: 4 Credits

Course Code	Title	Credits
MPA6999	Strategic Challenges in Public Administration	4.0
Total Credits		48