Today's professional public service offers many opportunities to work in government at all levels, nonprofit organizations, higher education, and even in the private sector. Villanova's Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program is focused on helping you develop the skills you need to become an ethical, creative leader in the public service.

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION MISSION

The mission of the Master of Public Administration program is to offer graduates the knowledge of values, roles, skills, and practices that will help them become competent professionals capable of ethical, intelligent, and creative leadership in public service. This mission is realized through the following goals:

• Stress the study of how values from political (constitutional and legal), philosophic, and religious traditions, guide the actions of successful public administrators

• Offer an interdisciplinary curriculum featuring the integration of knowledge from sociology, political science, economics, education, psychology, communication, history, philosophy, and statistics.

• Nurture a sense of service to community and a focus on the common good

• Emphasize the importance of practical experience

WHY VILLANOVA?

Diverse Student Body
We have individuals at all stages in their professional careers, from those just beginning their professional journey to individuals with extensive experience in both the public and private sectors.

Outstanding faculty
The MPA faculty is comprised of professors who are actively engaged in research. They have established networks with local organizations and governments. The MPA program also has part-time faculty members who hold advanced degrees and teach courses in their area of specialization and practice.

Curriculum
Our curriculum is interdisciplinary and focuses on values and ethics in the spirit of Villanova's Augustinian and Catholic identity.

Mentoring and Community
Classes are small, which allows for significant interaction between faculty and students. There are many opportunities outside the classroom for networking, professional development, and friendship. An advisor mentors you throughout your studies.
Excellent Internship Opportunities
Students gain management experience in the field through strong internship programs. Previous placements have included Upper Merion Township, Lower Gwynedd Township, the U.S. Department of Education, the Global Philadelphia Association, and the National Constitution Center.

Flexibility
Courses are offered in the evening and you may take up to two elective courses from other graduate programs in Liberal Arts and Sciences to personalize your degree to your interests. The program also offers one-credit topic courses over the weekend that are taught by part-time faculty.

Accreditation
Villanova’s MPA Program is fully accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA).

PROGRAM OFFERINGS AND REQUIREMENTS

Master of Public Administration
- 18 credits of required courses will provide you with knowledge of public administration theory and history, statistical analysis and research models, organizational theory and design, and the management of finances and human resources.
- 18 credits of elective courses give you the opportunity to customize your MPA degree to your interests.
- You will also complete a three-credit internship that will provide supervisory or management experience in the field.
- A comprehensive final exam will give you the opportunity to integrate the knowledge you have gained through course and field work.

Certificate in Public Administration
- For students who do not need a full master’s degree in Public Administration, or wish to combine a specialization in Public Administration with another master’s degree.
- The 15-credit Certificate consists of two required courses and nine credits from the regular curriculum available to MPA students.

Certificate in City Management
- A 15-credit program consisting of three required courses plus six credits of electives.
- Based on the International City/County Management Association’s inventory of 17 practices for effective local government management.
- Enroll in the Certificate program as a pre-master’s certificate, a specialization with the MPA program, or a post-master’s certificate.

Certificate in Nonprofit Management
- A 15-credit program consisting of three required courses plus six credits of electives.
- Designed based on best practices in nonprofit education, as well as through consultations with students, alumni, and nonprofit professionals.
- Enroll in the Certificate program as a pre-master’s certificate, a specialization with the MPA program, or a post-master’s certificate.

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