



# MASTER OF Public Administration



## YOU CARE DEEPLY ABOUT PUBLIC SERVICE. SO DO WE.

For more than thirty years, the Villanova Master of Public Administration (MPA) program has prepared students to become ethical, creative, inclusive and intelligent leaders in public service through an innovative and practical curriculum, engaged faculty, community partnerships and a vibrant alumni network. The program is fully accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration.

### CALLED TO SERVE AND LEAD

Graduates of our program are called to serve and lead through the development of:

- **A curious mind** – through engagement with an interdisciplinary curriculum, as well as with students of diverse backgrounds and experiences.
- **An inspiring character** – through attention paid to ethical leadership in the spirit of St. Augustine.
- **A generous spirit** – through interactions with alumni and community initiatives.

### PURSUE THE MPA YOUR WAY

Given the broad range of career options in the field of public service, Villanova's MPA is designed to be pursued your way.

#### Curriculum

Our MPA curriculum includes six required courses dealing with public administration theory, organization theory, financial management, human capital management, leadership ethics and applied data analysis. Our wide variety of electives include three-credit courses as well as one-credit workshops. Elective courses reflect trends in the study of public administration as well as faculty expertise and interests. Workshops are taught by practitioners in areas such as local government, law enforcement and nonprofit management.

### What Will You Learn?

- How to develop an organizational change plan
- How to write a professional memo
- How to analyze an organization's budget and overall financial health
- How to analyze data
- How to work collaboratively
- And much more!

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## Certificates

- Enhance your MPA degree with a Certificate in **City Management** or **Nonprofit Management**! Our Certificate programs allow students to specialize in their area of interest by tailoring their elective course curriculum. Should you decide to pursue one of our Certificate programs, you are not required to take additional courses outside of the required MPA degree curriculum.
- We also offer standalone Certificate programs in:
  - **Public Administration**
  - **Nonprofit Management**
  - **City Management**

## CONVENIENCE

Designed with the working professional in mind, all three-credit courses are offered in the evening, with one-credit elective workshops offered on weekends. The MPA program also offers a fully online option.

## ENGAGED FACULTY

- Faculty are actively engaged in research, publishing in the discipline's top journals and university presses and have established networks with nonprofit organizations and government agencies throughout the country.
- You can pursue independent research under the advisement and mentoring of our faculty, who are deeply committed to teaching and advising.
- Our cohort of part-time faculty enhance our program by bringing their unique set of skills, experiences and expertise to the classroom. Their professional networks introduce our students to potential internship, fellowship and employment opportunities.

## WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

**“Every single class at Villanova had something I could immediately apply to my job. It didn’t matter if I was taking a class in communications or a class on organization theory or a class in strategic thinking I could find some skills, some piece of information, that was immediately applicable.”**

- Katie Moyer '16 MPA,  
Program Specialist, National Air  
and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution

**“The Villanova MPA program is very supportive of former military veterans. My class was very diverse and the administrative staff in the department was very helpful. They were always very attentive and very responsive.”**

- Felicia Denman '14 MPA,  
Program Manager, Office of Community  
Planning and Development, U.S. Department  
of Housing and Urban Development

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