

# PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MPA) - GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION TRACK

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## Program Overview

The mission of the Public Administration Program at Columbus State University is to provide professional education and leadership skills for effective, efficient, and responsive public service necessary for individuals preparing for or currently serving in public service careers. The Master of Public Administration (MPA) is the degree for students with professional goals related to public service in areas such as government agencies, justice administration/law enforcement, not-for-profit organizations, and the private sector.

The MPA program offers classes in the evenings and on-line to accommodate students currently employed in the public sector as well as students seeking entry level positions. Columbus State University's Master of Public Administration Program offers curricular tracks in: Government Administration (can be completed entirely online) and Criminal Justice Administration).

The MPA program consists of 36 hours and offers flexible course scheduling, multiple entry points, in class and online options, and some 8-week course offerings. The program can be adapted for students who wish to attend part time or full time.

## Career Opportunities

- Elected official (city council, mayor, governor, etc.)
- City manager
- Lobbyist
- Legislative assistant
- Foreign service, diplomatic, or consular officer
- Planner
- Census clerk
- Federal aid coordinator
- Election supervisor
- City, county or court clerk