
Public Administration

In the School of Public Affairs
In the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts

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General Information

The School of Public Affairs offers graduate study leading to the Master of Public Administration degree. Research facilities provided include the Institute of Public and Urban Affairs and the Public Administration Center.

The San Diego metropolitan community affords significant internship opportunities for the graduate student in federal, state, and local government agencies.

The School of Public Affairs' M.P.A. degree is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) and listed on its annual roster of accredited programs found to be in conformity with standards established for professional master's degrees in public affairs and administration.

Master of Public Administration Degree

This degree permits the selection, under advisement, of a program of course and seminar work which may be oriented toward a generalist approach or with a research focus on organizational behavior and development, public policy, fiscal policy and administration, recreation administration, or urban administration. Also offered are concentrations in criminal justice administration and city planning, each consisting of 15 units within the required program for the Master of Public Administration. Since management responsibilities are shared by administrators in a number of professional areas in the public service, the student is encouraged to supplement the study of government and administration with graduate courses in economics, sociology, psychology, business administration, and other related areas.

Admission to Graduate Study

All students must satisfy the general requirements for admission to the university with classified graduate standing, as described in Part Two of this bulletin. The student must also satisfy the following requirements: (1) a 3.0 grade point average in the undergraduate major and a 2.85 overall average; and (2) an acceptable score on the GRE General Test.

Students applying for admission should electronically submit the university application available at <http://www.csumentor.edu> along with the \$55 application fee.

All applicants must submit admissions materials separately to SDSU Graduate Admissions and to the School of Public Affairs.

Graduate Admissions

The following materials should be submitted as a complete package directly to:

Graduate Admissions
Enrollment Services
San Diego State University
San Diego, CA 92182-7416

- (1) Official transcripts (in sealed envelopes) from all postsecondary institutions attended;

Note:

- Students who attended SDSU need only submit transcripts for work completed since last attendance.
- Students with international coursework must submit both the official transcript and proof of degree. If documents are in a language other than English, they must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

- (2) GRE scores (<http://www.ets.org>, SDSU institution code 4682);
- (3) TOEFL score, if medium of instruction was in a language other than English (<http://www.ets.org>, SDSU institution code 4682).

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The following materials should be mailed or delivered to:

School of Public Affairs
Master of Public Administration
(Attention: Dr. Louis M. Rea)
San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-4505

- (1) Two letters of reference from individuals who have known the student's academic work and/or employment performance.

Advancement to Candidacy

All students must meet the general requirements for advancement to candidacy, as described in Part Two of this bulletin and be recommended by the faculty. In order to be recommended for advancement, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.0 in Public Administration 600 and three additional courses from among Public Administration 604, 605 or 606, 630, 642, 650, 660, with no grade below B-.

Specific Requirements for the Master of Public Administration Degree

(Major Code: 21021)

In addition to meeting the requirements for classified graduate standing, the student must satisfy the basic requirements for the master's degree as described in Part Two of this bulletin. Students must also complete as a part of their programs: (1) at least 27 units of 600- and 700-numbered courses including Public Administration 600, 604, 605 or 606, 630, 642, 650 and 660; (2) a minimum of nine additional units of 500 level or graduate courses in public administration or related fields selected under advisement. An internship of 12 units (one semester) beyond the 36 units of coursework is required of students who have not had equivalent experience. The internship normally will be served in a governmental agency where the intern will perform duties of an administrative nature. Placements typically will be made in the office of a city

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manager, a budget office, a personnel office or in the office of the head of a major operating department. Public Administration 799A, Thesis, must be included in the program unless Plan B with a comprehensive written examination in lieu of the thesis is selected by the student with the approval of a graduate adviser; and (3) Students who specialize in Public Personnel and Labor Relations must take Public Administration 530, 531, 632, and 643.

Concentration in Criminal Justice Administration (Major Code: 21051)

Students must complete 15 units from the following courses as part of the M.P.A. degree:

CJA 601	Seminar in the Administration of Criminal Justice (3)
CJA 602	Seminar in Comparative Criminal Justice System (3)
CJA 603	Seminar in Communicative and Restorative Justice (3)
CJA 604	Seminar in Jurisprudence and Criminal Justice Policy (3)
CJA 605	Seminar in Juvenile Justice and Youth Violence (3)

Concentration in City Planning (Major Code: 02061)

Students must complete the following courses as part of the M.P.A. degree:

P A 525	The U.S. City Planning Process (3)
C P 630	Seminar in Urban Planning Implementation (3)
C P 640	Seminar in Urban Planning Theory (3)
C P 670	History of Urban Planning (3)
C P 690	Seminar in Land Use Planning Principles and Techniques (3)

Transborder Public Administration and Governance Certificate

(Offered through the College of Extended Studies)

The purpose of the Certificate in Transborder Public Administration and Governance is to educate students in how U.S. and Mexico systems of public administration and governance function in the border region and what boundary spanning mechanism exists for transborder cooperation on shared issues.

Admission Requirement

1. A bachelor's degree is required. The field of study can be any area of the social sciences, humanities, or professional programs of study such as public administration, communication and business administration. Other major areas will be considered at the discretion of the faculty.
2. Admission of students into the certificate program will be on a postbaccalaureate classified status.
3. Prospective students must demonstrate a basic level of currency and knowledge with regard to border issues. Such currency may be demonstrated through the applicant's work experience and/or oral interview.
4. Prospective students must demonstrate fluency in both Spanish and English. Examinations will be given for this purpose.
5. Applicants must have attained a grade point average of at least 2.5 (where A equals 4) in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted.

Course Requirements (18 units)

PA 680	Seminar in Transborder Public Administration and Governance (3)
PA 681	Seminar in Comparative Federalism: Mexico and the U.S. (3)
PA 682	Seminar in Comparative Fiscal Structures: Mexico and the U.S. (3)
PA 683	Seminar in Environmental Administration and Management in the Transborder Region (3)
PA 684	Seminar in Transnational Criminal Justice: Mexico and the U.S. (3)
PA 685	Practicum in Border Research (3)

No other courses may be substituted for courses in the certificate program.

Students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all certificate courses and with no less than a "C" in any course. Only three units of coursework with a grade of "C" will count toward the certificate.

Additional fees are associated with this program when taking courses through the College of Extended Studies. Additional information may be obtained from Dr. Louis M. Rea.