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CSU Bakersfield
School of Business and Public Administration

Master of Public Administration (MPA)

Preparing Committed Leaders for Public Service

Career Opportunities

The mission of the MPA graduate program is career preparation and development for policy & decision-making, managerial, and administrative positions in the public and nonprofit sectors. The program is especially responsive to regional government and nonprofit sector needs, preparing graduates for state and local managerial and public service leadership. MPA graduates go on to management and leadership roles in:

- Nonprofit organizations
- Professional associations
- Local government
- State government
- Federal government
- Legislative services
- Colleges and universities
- Consulting firms
- Healthcare facilities
- Public action committees
- Public interest groups
- Private industry

Department of Public Policy & Administration Faculty and Staff

- Jinping Sun, Ph.D. *Department Chair, Professor, and Internship Coordinator*
- Thomas Martinez, Ph.D. *Professor, MPA Program Director*
- Chandra Commuri, Ph.D. *Professor, Minor Advisor*
- R. Steven Daniels, Ph.D. *Professor, Undergraduate Advisor*
- Craig Kelsey, Ph.D. *Professor,*
- BJ Moore, Ph.D. *Assistant Professor, MS-HCA Program Director*
- Sonia Morentin *Administrative Support Coordinator*



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2016-2018 Catalog Requirements

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MPA Foundation (12 units)

1. PPA 4010 Analytical Methods in Administration
2. PPA 4038 Public Policy Making Process
3. PPA 5000 Survey of Public Administration
4. PPA 5020 Program Evaluation

MPA Core Requirements (18 units)

1. PPA 6100 Public Human Resource
2. PPA 6110 Public Finance and Budgeting
3. PPA 6520 Public Management and Organization Change
4. PPA 6530 Policy Analysis- Quantitative Focus

MPA Electives (9 units)

Students in the MPA program must complete three additional approved courses at the 5000- or 6000-level in the Department of Public Policy and Administration. Electives presented by other departments may be taken upon approval of the MPA Program Director.

Internship (1-3 units)

Graduate students who do not have appropriate experience will be required to take an internship: See the MPA Program Director for details.

Master's Paper (3 units)

PPA 6980 Master's Paper - Candidates for the MPA degree must complete a culminating activity in accordance with Title V of the California Administrative Code. The purpose of this activity is to demonstrate competency acquired in the graduate program. This includes mastery of knowledge in the discipline and in the ability to use theory and method in the preparation of an applied research project. Research for the master's paper that involves data from human subjects must be reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board for Human Subjects Research (IRB/HSR). For additional details, see their website [http://www.csub.edu/grasp/Research Compliance/IRB/index.html](http://www.csub.edu/grasp/Research%20Compliance/IRB/index.html).

Requirements for Specialization in Health Care Management

Students interested in pursuing a career in health care management may elect to complete a specialization of three of the six courses:

1. HCA 5050 Manage Finance Delivery Health Care
2. HCA 5140 History and Context: U.S. Health Care
3. HCA 5360 CQI in Health and Human Services
4. HCA 6180 Health Policy and Policy Research
5. HCA 6610 Strategic Management in Health Care and Human Services
6. HCA 6620 Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Care or other courses as approved by the MPA Program Director

Requirements for Certificate in Nonprofit Management (Graduate Level)

An individual who desires to begin post-baccalaureate study in nonprofit management may apply for a certificate.

Complete the following:

1. PPA 5190 Management in Nonprofit Organization
2. PPA 5200 Fundamentals of Grant Writing
3. PPA 5500 Contract Management
4. And at least two (2) of the following:
PPA 4038 Public Policy Making Process
PPA 5020 Program Evaluation
HCA 6610 Strategic Management in Health Care and Human Services
PPA 6110 Public Finance and Budgeting
PPA 6860 Internship

