

Program Handbook

MPA — Master of Public Administration

Degree awarded	Master of Public Administration (MPA)
Program length	4 semesters
Credits	120 ECTS-equivalent credits
Language	English
Mode of study	Fully online, asynchronous study with scheduled tutorial consultations and policy workshops
Document	Official program handbook

WHAT THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS

- Full program description, mode of study and admission requirements
- Learning outcomes and graduate profile
- Teaching faculty and student support units
- Tuition, instalment plan and what the fee covers
- Academic calendar, deadlines and integrity rules
- Frequently asked questions with official answers

A professional master's degree for people who govern, regulate and administer public services, with a Middle West emphasis on health policy and regulatory practice.

1. Program overview

The Master of Public Administration prepares administrators for the specific difficulty of public work: acting lawfully, spending accountably and delivering under political scrutiny. It combines public law, public finance, policy analysis and the management of public organisations.

The university's specialisation shapes the electives and cases. Public health agencies, regulators, insurers and publicly funded providers supply most of the material, so students work on licensing, inspection, procurement and emergency governance rather than generic management scenarios.

The program is delivered fully online and is written for people already holding administrative posts, with every deliverable modelled on a document such a post actually produces.

2. Admission requirements

Bachelor's degree in any discipline, or at least three years of experience in public administration or a public-interest organisation

3. Mode of study

Fully online, asynchronous study with scheduled tutorial consultations and policy workshops

4. Who the program is for

- Civil servants and municipal administrators in health, social and regulatory agencies
- Staff of regulators, inspectorates and public insurance funds
- Managers in publicly funded hospitals and public-interest non-profits
- Professionals moving from the private sector into public service roles

5. Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the program, graduates are able to:

- Draft an administrative decision that survives review for legality and proportionality
- Build and defend a programme budget, including performance indicators
- Design a policy option appraisal with costed alternatives and an implementation plan
- Run a compliant public procurement and manage the resulting contract
- Lead an organisation through an accountability process: audit, inspection or public inquiry

6. Structure of the degree

Semester	Focus	Courses	Credits
Semester 1 — The public law framework	Authority, legality and accountability	3	30
Semester 2 — Money and delivery	Public finance and public operations	3	30
Semester 3 — Health governance specialisation	Regulation and public health administration	3	30

Semester	Focus	Courses	Credits
Semester 4 — Capstone	Applied administrative research	1	30

Total: 120 credits.

7. Tuition and payment

Total tuition: USD 4,999

Total tuition for the complete Master of Public Administration, including all study materials, tutorial consultations, examinations and the capstone defence.

- Deposit on enrolment: USD 999
- Four semester instalments of USD 1,000
- No separate examination, material or graduation fees

Tuition is quoted in United States dollars and is payable to Middle West University LLC. Payment schedules are agreed in writing with the Student Affairs Office before enrolment.

8. Teaching faculty and support

Unit	Role	Field
Faculty of Public Administration	Core teaching unit	Administrative law, policy analysis, public finance
Faculty of Medical Law	Specialisation unit	Health regulation, licensing, public health powers
Faculty of Business	Supporting unit	Budgeting, procurement, organisational management

9. Assessment and academic integrity

Professional documents — 50-70%

Decisions, budgets, tender files and policy memoranda in the form the workplace uses.

Examinations — 20-40%

Open-book case examinations in administrative and regulatory law.

Exercises and simulations — 10-30%

Emergency exercise, bid challenge and oversight hearing simulations.

Capstone — 30 credits

Applied study with recommendations and an oral defence.

All submitted work passes an automated similarity check. Plagiarism, undisclosed collaboration and the undeclared use of generative tools are academic offences and are handled under the university's academic integrity procedure.

10. Frequently asked questions

Do I need a law degree?

No. The administrative law courses are taught from first principles for non-lawyers, with legal drafting practised throughout.

Is the MPA useful outside government?

Yes. Regulated providers, insurers and non-profits face the same accountability, procurement and transparency rules.

Can the capstone use my own agency as the case?

Yes, and it is encouraged. A short host-organisation agreement is signed before the protocol is approved.

How does the MPA differ from the MHA?

The MPA governs and regulates public services; the MHA runs a health care provider organisation day to day.

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