

# The Master of Public Administration Degree

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The Master of Public Administration program provides a broad understanding of the principles, processes, goals, and problems of administering public services, with special emphasis on the political realities of public sector management. Through course work the program equips students with specialized knowledge and technical skills in budgeting, planning, personnel administration, research and other essential management techniques. Through its reputation, and through its internships, Kutztown University's Political Science Department and MPA Program have developed numerous contacts with public and private sector administrators. Graduates typically achieve continuing success in their present careers or are successful in obtaining other career positions related to their interests.

The program benefits professionals employed or seeking employment in government agencies (at all levels), health care and other not-for-profit organizations, and private enterprise. In eastern Pennsylvania there is a large number of occupations for which public administration expertise is essential, especially those in "third sector" industries which depend upon effective interface with government agencies and skillful handling of governmental processes and regulations.

Successful completion of the thirty-six semester hours of credit is required for the Master of Public Administration degree. All students accepted into this program must complete all requirements within six calendar years.

## **REQUIRED \*24 or 27 credit hours**

- POL 465 Administrative Law (3 credits)
- POL 509 Approaches and Methods in Political Science (3 credits)
- POL 515 Principles and Problems of Public Administration (3 credits)
- POL 516 Administrative and Organizational Theory (3 credits)
- POL 517 Public Personnel Administration and Strategic Human Resource Management (3 credits)
- POL 518 Budgeting and Decision Making (3 credits)
- POL 538 Program and Policy Evaluation (3 credits)
- \*POL 503 Thesis (6 credits)
- \*POL 581 Professional Seminar in Public Administration (3 credits)

## **ELECTIVES \*9 or 12 credit hours**

- POL 425 Public Policy Making (3 credits)
- POL 441 Ethics and Managerial Leadership (3 credits)
- POL 562 Urban Politics (3 credits)
- POL 571 Non-Profit Organizational Management (3 credits)
- POL 577 Selected Topics in Public Administration (3 credits)
- POL 580 Independent Study (3 credits)

**NOTE:** \*Students choosing POL 503, Thesis must complete 27 required course credits and must complete 9 semester hours of electives. Students choosing POL 581, Professional Seminar, must complete 24 required course credits and 12 semester hours of electives. Students may take one elective (3 semester hours) outside the Department of Political Science with approval.