

ACADEMIC LEARNING PLAN

Public Administration – M.S.A.

Mission Statement

The Departments participating in the MSA program ensure that graduates, in their full diversity, achieve mastery of the skill sets that will enable them not only to perform the professional work tasks in their respective fields competently but also to assume roles as strategic team members who can apply innovative planning and problem solving to further the goals of their organizations.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students with a MSA in Public Administration should be able to do the following:

Content

- Analyze effective leadership and management strategies across multiple sectors.
- Assess public policies.

Critical Thinking

- Analyze public policy and problem solving in the public sector.

Communication

- Communicate productively with a diverse and changing workforce citizenry.

Integrity/Values

- Articulate and apply a public service perspective utilizing ethical judgment and principles.

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

Students demonstrate knowledge, skills, and abilities throughout their academic preparation, culminating in a variety of capstone experiences where they synthesize program learning outcomes to showcase their experiences and knowledge. Students plan capstone experiences with advice, support and direction from their academic advisor. Each specialization includes a capstone experience that might include a showcase, research project, policy review, field experience, internship, or other like experience.

Employment Opportunities for MSA in Public Administration degree Graduates:

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- City Manager
- Assistant City Manager City Administrator
- Assistant City Administrator County Administrator
- Assistant County Administrator Admin

Specialist

- Personnel Specialist Labor Relations Specialist Logistician Intern
- Policy Analyst Legislative Liaison Legislative Assistant Budget Analyst

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