

# Public Service Graduate Programs

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## Degrees & Programs

### Master of Public Administration, M.P.A.

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#### Requirements

The Master of Public Administration at Utah Valley University is an applied inter-disciplinary professional master's degree aimed at preparing public service administrators in emergency services and criminal justice. This graduate degree provides an in-depth education of the science and praxis of administering vital public services, public safety functions, ethical considerations, leadership, and strategic communications, along with issues in emergency management, civil security/resiliency, public works, transportation, critical infrastructure protection, post-disaster humanitarian response, pandemics, strategic planning, public health, and public policy issues.

#### Total Program Credits: 36

Matriculation Requirements:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A 3.0 cumulative GPA from the institution where the undergraduate degree was awarded or a 3.0 GPA calculated on the last 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) from the institution where the undergraduate degree was awarded.</li> <li>2. A bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited college/university, a nationally accredited program, or an international college or university recognized by a Ministry of Education in one of the following or related fields: (Applicants with a bachelor's degrees in other fields may be admitted if they have at least two years of public services experience and completed undergraduate courses with a B grade or better. These applications are handled on a case-by-case basis.):             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Emergency Services</li> <li>b. Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement, Forensic Science</li> <li>c. Political Science</li> <li>d. Public and Community Health</li> <li>e. Aviation Science</li> <li>f. Emergency Management/Homeland Security</li> <li>g. Emergency Medical Services</li> <li>h. Business Administration, Organizational Management</li> <li>i. Environmental Science</li> <li>j. Public Admin/Public Management</li> <li>k. Social Science</li> <li>l. Technology Management</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Graduate School Application.</li> <li>4. Official transcripts from all attended institutions of higher education.</li> <li>5. Two letters of recommendation.</li> <li>6. Admissions Essay</li> </ol>		
Discipline Core Requirements:		27 Credits
<a href="#">PADM 6000</a>	Public Administration	3

<a href="#">PADM 6010</a>	Public Administration Finance and Budgeting	3
<a href="#">PADM 6020</a>	Public Administration Policy and Evaluation	3
<a href="#">PADM 6030</a>	Legal Issues for Public Administration	3
<a href="#">PADM 6040</a>	Organizational Behavior in Public Administration	3
<a href="#">PADM 6050</a>	Public Administration Leadership and Ethics	3
<a href="#">PADM 6060</a>	Research Methods for Public Administration	3
<a href="#">PADM 6070</a>	Human Resource Management	3
<a href="#">PADM 6900</a>	Public Administration Capstone Project	3
Elective Requirements:		12 Credits
Complete 9 credits from the following		9
<a href="#">ESMG 6100</a>	Psychology and the Emergency Services Responder (3)	
<a href="#">ESMG 6110</a>	Disasters/Vulnerability/and Impacts (3)	
<a href="#">ESMG 6120</a>	Emergency Planning and Response (3)	
<a href="#">ESMG 6130</a>	Social Vulnerability in Emergencies (3)	
<a href="#">ESMG 6140</a>	Homeland Security Fundamentals (3)	
<a href="#">CJ 6200</a>	Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice (3)	
<a href="#">CJ 6210</a>	Information-based Decision Making for Criminal Justice Administrators (3)	
<a href="#">CJ 6220</a>	Contemporary Issues In Criminal Justice (3)	
<a href="#">CJ 6230</a>	Criminal Justice Policy (3)	
<a href="#">HLTH 6200</a>	Issues in Public Health (3)	
<a href="#">PADM 6400</a>	Public Administration Program Development and Evaluation (3)	
<a href="#">NSS 6500</a>	US National Security Policy and Strategy (3)	
<a href="#">NSS 6700</a>	Intelligence Analysis and Tradecraft (3)	
<a href="#">PADM 670R</a>	Public Administration Internship (3)	
<a href="#">PADM 679R</a>	Special Topics in Public Administration (3)	
Graduate-level electives as approved by the MPA Director.		

#### Graduation Requirements:

1. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher must be maintained within program.
2. All course work must be completed with a "B" or higher.
3. Complete a minimum of 36 credit hours.
4. Graduates may not transfer more than 9 credits toward the MPA. All transfer courses will be reviewed by the College of Health and Public Service Graduate Committee.

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#### Careers

1. Generate evidence-based strategies to public service-related problems in a dynamic and constantly changing environment.

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2. Prepare public service budgets using public finance principles and procedures.
3. Evaluate the legal, regulatory, human resource, and ethical issues surrounding public service delivery.
4. Develop leadership and organizational skills for all career levels within public services.
5. Demonstrate written and verbal communication skills to address public service-related problems.

### ***Related Careers***

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