



**Master of**

# PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

**Come Back Stronger, Ready to Take Your Career Further**

Make the decisions that make a difference. The public sector demands strong leaders who can drive positive change in our communities, across our country, and around the world. Our master's program helps you build the management and decision-making skills you'll need to take on leadership roles in fields such as government, public safety, security and protection, and emergency management. This is your time. Gain the expertise to make an immediate impact in your career today, and to conquer whatever challenges tomorrow brings.



# Why Study Public Administration at Purdue Global?

## **Built for Working Adults**

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.

## **Backed by the Power of Purdue**

Earn a degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the public administration field with a name that opens doors in your career.

## **Expert Faculty**

Learn from real-world practitioners with a variety of backgrounds in public administration, public policy, and law. They have the experience to know what it takes to succeed in your field. All faculty possess a doctorate or JD degree and relevant industry credentials.

## **Practical Experience**

Put your learning to work with a hands-on capstone project that gives you the opportunity to tackle complex real-world public administration issues and challenges.

## **Personal Support**

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

## **Nationally Ranked and Respected**

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*.<sup>1</sup>





# Curriculum

Our comprehensive curriculum is reviewed and revised continually by industry experts, to ensure it reflects the most recent developments in the field. You'll focus on:

- **Public Value:** Apply knowledge of practice in public administration to make effective decisions that create public value in diverse and dynamic situations.
- **Ethical Decision Making:** Evaluate the social and ethical implications of decisions made in the public interest.
- **Innovation:** Innovate to address issues and opportunities in the public sector.
- **Knowledge Base:** Evaluate theoretical foundations, current knowledge, and trends in public administration and public service.
- **Finance:** Apply financial knowledge to make sound and ethical decisions in the public interest.
- **Diversity:** Assess cultural, individual, and role differences of constituents and stakeholders.
- **Leadership:** Apply principles of leadership to shape change and improve the governance and management of public policy.

## Core Course Topics Include:

- Public administration and management
- Leadership in the public sector
- Budgeting and public funds
- Applied research
- Program evaluation
- Administrative law
- Public policy analysis
- Human resource management

## Program Detail

**Credit Hours:** 55

**Program Length:** 18 months of full-time study

**Course Load:** 1-2 courses per term

**Terms:** 10 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Throughout the year

**Delivery:** 100% online

## Additional Programs

- Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Master of Science in Human Services
- Master of Science in Legal Studies
- Master of Science in Psychology
- Graduate Certificate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Juris Doctor and Executive Juris Doctor — Purdue Global Law School



Many of my students have a lot of demands on their time, but they remain committed to their education, despite the obstacles they face. Education is truly a game-changer. Just like my constituents, many of my students really need me, and I try to be available, helpful, and understanding. They are an extension of my public service."

**Karla Drenner**  
PhD, Faculty Member,  
Georgia State Representative

# Career and Networking Opportunities

## Industry Outlook<sup>2</sup>

- Qualified and educated administrators are expected to remain in demand across the public sector.
- Employment of social and community service managers is expected to grow much faster than the average from 2022–2032; employment of administrative services managers is projected to grow faster than the average in that same period.
- For management positions in public administration, employers are increasingly seeking candidates with a master's degree, and an MPA or higher is often necessary for certain management or leadership positions.

## Center for Career Advancement

Our team of Career Specialists helps connect students with job and networking opportunities, and offers the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

## Career Pathways and Outcomes<sup>3</sup>

### Roles

- Director/president of a nonprofit
- Medical health service manager
- Research/policy analyst
- City manager
- County administrator
- Human services assistant director
- Director of public works
- Government relations director
- Public policy director
- Emergency management consultant

### Settings/Industries

- Federal, state, and local government agencies
- Nongovernmental
- Public sector
- Nonprofit
- Criminal justice
- Health care
- Fire science

## Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC (HLCCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

## Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

**Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit [purdueglobal.edu](https://purdueglobal.edu).**

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For comprehensive consumer information, visit [info.purdueglobal.edu](https://info.purdueglobal.edu).

<sup>1</sup> Source: [www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states). Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

<sup>2</sup> Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Administrative Services Managers, Social and Community Service Managers. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

<sup>3</sup> Purdue Global does not guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. Prior experience may be necessary for leadership positions. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.