MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

MAKE THE DECISIONS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The public sector demands strong leaders who are capable of driving positive change in our communities, across our country, and around the world. The Master of Public Administration at Purdue University Global helps practicing and aspiring administrators develop the management and decision-making techniques to take on leadership roles in fields such as government, public safety, security and protection, and emergency management. You’ll gain the skills to make an immediate impact in your career today, and the expertise to conquer whatever challenges tomorrow brings.
WHY STUDY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT PURDUE GLOBAL?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS
Earn your degree 100% online, while meeting the demands of your career. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

FACULTY EXPERTISE
Learn from experienced professionals with a variety of backgrounds in public administration, public policy, and law. 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 lets you tackle complex real-world public administration issues and challenges.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING
Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and faculty office hours, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring when you need extra support. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you successfully 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.¹

“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 Representative²
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—Concord Law School
CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- 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 2016 to 2026; employment of administrative services managers is projected to grow faster than 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.

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES

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

CAREER SERVICES

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

Purdue Global Is Accredited by The Higher Learning Commission

This accreditation covers all academic programs, all regional locations, and all programs provided via distance education. Contact the HLC at HLCommission.org or call 800-621-7440.

Military Friendly

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

This accolade was awarded prior to the March 2018 purchase of Kaplan University by Purdue University and subsequent creation of Purdue University Global. Purdue Global cannot guarantee future accolades.

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