

The Master's Of Public
Administration
(M.P.A.) Degree
at
San Francisco State
University



Program Overview

- Nationally Accredited by National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA)
- 39 – 43 Units
- Mid-Size Program
- Small Class Sizes
- Outstanding Teachers, Great Scholars
- Innovative Instruction
- Great Deal!

Curriculum

- Solid Core of Foundation Courses— 24 Units
- Complete Flexibility in Electives— 12 Units
- Internship- 4 units— Can Be Waived
- Culminating Experience— 3 Units

Core Courses

Essential Theories and General Skills

- PA 700: Introduction to Public Administration and Public Policy
- PA 705: Research Methods and Data Analysis I
- PA 706: Research Methods and Data Analysis II
- PA 710: Microeconomic Applications for Public Administration
- PA 715: Policy-Making and Implementation

Essential Management Skills

- PA 720: Managing Organizational Behavior
- PA 725: Managing Human Resources
- PA 730: Managing Budgets in the Public Sector

Elective Emphases

- Public Management
- Non-Profit Administration
- Urban Administration
- Policy Making and Analysis
- Self-Designed Emphases

Self-Designed Emphases

- Upon Advisement, Can Select Courses
- Examples
 - Environmental Administration
 - Health Administration
 - Criminal Justice Administration
 - Theater Administration
 - Public Finance
 - Organizational Development
- Or, Just Select Individual Electives

Electives

- PA 740: Public Sector Management
- PA 742: Strategic Public & Nonprofit Management
- PA 744: Nonprofits, Public Policy & Society
- PA 745: Administration of Nonprofit Organizations
- PA 747: Developing Non-Profit Resources
- PA 748: Managing NGOs in an International Context
- PA 750: Financial Management in the Public Sector
- PA 752: Public Administration and the Law
- PA 755: Knowledge and Information Management for the 21st Century
- PA 757: E-Government
- PA 760: Diversity in Public Organizations
- PA 762: Leadership for the Public and Nonprofit Sectors
- PA 770: Policy & Organizational Analysis
- PA 775: Program Evaluation
- PA 780: Urban Administration
- PA 782: Community & Economic Development
- PA 784: Intergovernmental Relations
- PA 790: Special Topics in Public Administration

Culminating Experience

- Thesis
 - Traditional Social Science Research
- PA 800: Capstone Course with
 - Strategic Assessment Memorandum (Written Comprehensive Examination)
 - Synthesizing Course, Pulls Together Program

Internship

- 300 Hours (20 per week in 15 weeks semester)
- Great way to get foot in the door of new career or agency
- May Be Waived with Significant Work Experience

Prerequisites

- Microeconomics Course (100 level)
- Graduate Essay Test (GET– from SFSU)
- Both may be completed after admission

Special Emphases

- Written Communication
- Oral Communication
- Team Work
- Computer Skills

E-Portfolios


- Way To Show off What you Are Learning
- Innovative, Unique

Wilson Wong
Public Administration ePortfolio
Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.)
Emphasis: Non-Profits

Personal Statements/Resume
Knowledge of Public Administration
Professional Skills
Writing Skills
Presentation Skills
Team Work/Leadership
Contact


PERSONAL STATEMENT

I originally graduated from [UCLA](#) with a BS in Computer Science and am very adept with computers and related skills. After graduating I worked for almost 5 years in the technology industry, but have realized that I seek a career that offers greater moral fulfillment.



I left a lucrative technology job to change careers and become an educator, first working as an English teacher in China for a year and completing my second BA in [Child and Adolescent Development](#). Afterwards, I worked in various education related positions, including being an afterschool tutor with [AmeriCorps](#) and a site director with [YES Reading](#). Ultimately, I always utilized my technical skills in every position.

Now I am focusing on a technical career in local government, utilizing all my experience and background to position myself for advancement in government. I am currently attending San Francisco State University's to complete my [Masters in Public Administration](#).



The MPA degree has prepared me for a position and career in the public sector. It has provided the opportunity for me to expand my knowledge on the public policy process, research & analytical methods, human resources, organizational behavior, budgeting, non-profit administration, and fund development.

With my MPA degree, I am prepared for new opportunities and I hope to advance my career in the public sector through strengthened capabilities.

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Why SFSU?

1. Only Nationally Accredited Program in San Francisco, Nationally Respected
 - a) Ranked 1st in CSU by US News & World Report
 - b) Presidential Management Fellows— More than all CSUs, Stanford— equal to UC Berkeley
2. Innovative, Great Teachers
3. Classes Geared to Working Adults
4. Balance Between Theory & Practice
5. Focus on Critical Foundation & Flexible Electives

Why SFSU, Continued?

6. So Convenient– Right at Powell Street BART!
7. Tuition is Great Bargain for MPA!
8. Class Availability
9. Proven Network of Alumni– They Get Jobs!

Why SFSU, Continued?

- Best Deal on Tuition and Fees

School	Tuition– 1 Semester	Comparison– Per Unit	Accredited?
San Francisco State University (M.P.A.)	\$1,797 for 2, 3-unit courses (6 units)	\$299.50	YES
Goldman School– UC Berkeley (M. Public Policy)	\$8,114 for one semester– full time	\$676.15	No
Golden Gate University (Online Executive M.P.A.)	\$4,500 for 2, 3-unit courses	\$750.00	No
University of San Francisco (M.P.A.)	\$5,310 for 2,3-unit courses	\$885.00	No
Monterey Institute of International Studies (M.P.A. in International Management)	\$15,528 for one semester– full time student (15 units)	\$1,035.20	YES
Mills College (M. Public Policy)	\$14,711 for one semester (2 courses)	\$2,451.83	No

Admissions Process

Domestic Applicant Deadline—
Fall: April 15 / Spring: November 1

1. Standards
 - a) 3.0 gpa in last 60 units
 - b) If not, 1100 Quantitative / Verbal GRE scores
2. Send Two Sets of Transcripts, 1 to
 - a) Department of Public Administration AND TO
 - b) SFSU Graduate Division
3. CSU Mentor Application
4. Letter of Application to Department
5. 2 Letters of Reference

Questions?

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