



Overview

San Mateo County Cohort Program

Public Administration Program
San Francisco State University



SFSU Program Highlights

- Nationally accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA)
- Ranked 1st Among CSU Programs in last U.S. News and World Report Public Affairs Rankings
- National Recognition for Student Learning Assessment Process



SFSU Program Highlights

- Presidential Management Fellows:
 - 2005-2006: 1st in California (Tied with UCB Goldman School)– More than Stanford, any CSU (4 Fellows)
 - 2004-2005: 1st in California (2 Fellows)
- Bay Area ASPA Tournament:
 - 2006: Won 1st Place Overall, Numerous Other Competitions
 - 2004: Won 1st Place Team and Overall



Comments from Alumni

- “The SFSU master's degree has been of great value. In the third round of interviews for the job I have been in for two years now, the final two candidates were me and a Bechtel manager (Harvard MBA)”. (1993)
- Without my MPA and faculty support, guidance, and knowledge, I'm not sure I would have even applied for a position like this. One of my other references mentioned that there were 350 applicants and knowing that I was made the offer, was awesome.” (2004)
- “Thank you so much for everything you have taught me. This Program has been incredible”. (2003)



SFSU Program Overview

- Founded in 1980
- Interdisciplinary Founders
 - Political Science
 - Urban Studies
 - Sociology
 - Economics
 - Psychology
- Grew from No Faculty of One to Six in 2007



Mission

The mission of the Public Administration Program is to enhance individual, organizational, social and governmental capacity in the public and nonprofit sectors through innovative teaching, research and service.



Selected Goals

- Achieve Balance Between Theory and Practice
- Instill Values of Public Service
- Develop Public Affairs Knowledge / Knowledge of Subfield
- Enhance:
 - Student Writing
 - Oral Presentations
 - Team work
 - Professional Skills
 - Critical Thinking & Analytic Skills
 - Computer Skills
 - Ethics
- Use "Community as Learning Lab"

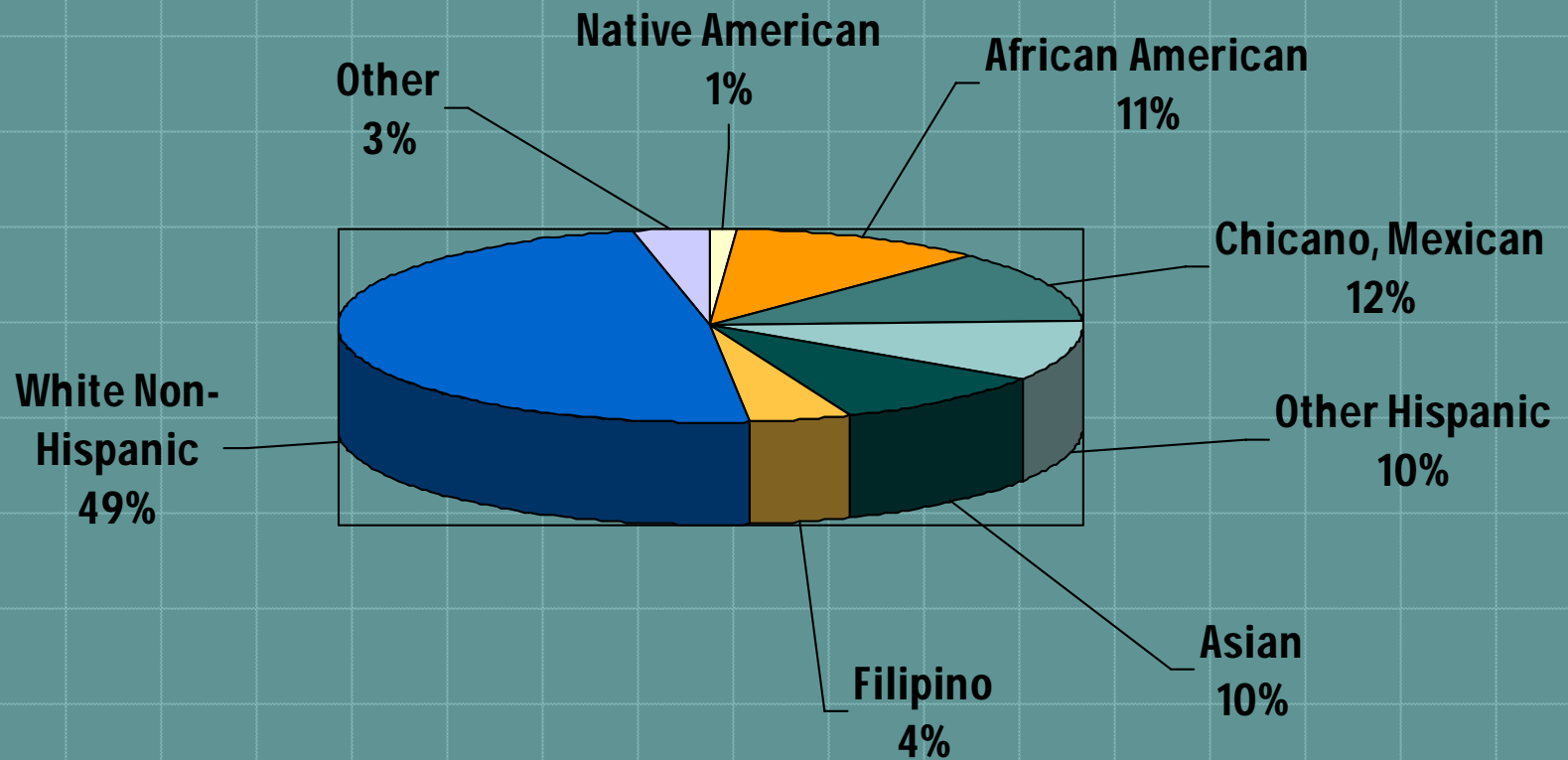


Program Characteristics

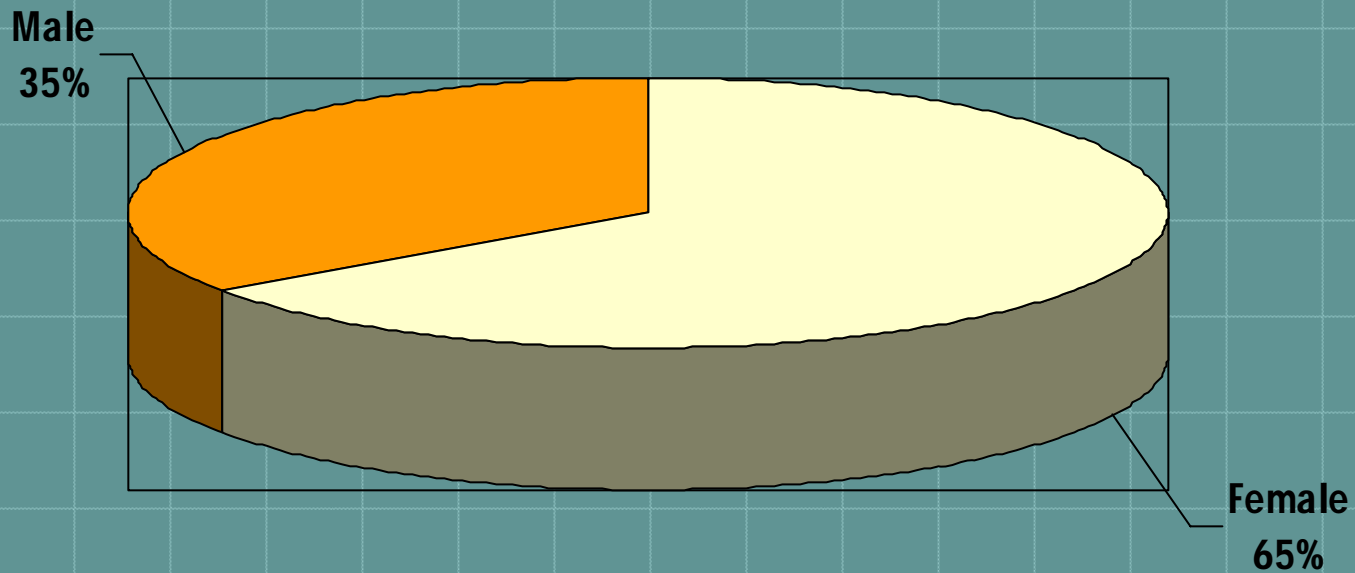
- Largest Graduate Program in College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- 6th Largest Graduate Program in University
- Fall 2006– 127 Students Taking Classes
- Fall 2006 Admissions:
 - Admitted 47.7% of Applicants
 - Average Grade Point Average: 3.57 average
- 2005-2006: 43 Graduates
- Median Semesters to Degree– 6 semesters



Ethnic / Racial Distribution of Students



Gender Distribution of Students



Program– San Mateo

- 39 Unit Program / 13 courses
- 2 Courses per semester
- 3.5 years duration of program
- Fall and Spring semesters
- 2 nights per semester
 - Monday – Thursday
- 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- First semester class starts 8/27 – 12/21
- 30 students maximum in cohort



Core Courses- San Mateo

- PA 700: Introduction to Public Administration & Public Policy, 3 units
- PA 705: Research Methods and Data Analysis I, 3
- PA 706: Research Methods and Data Analysis II, 3
- PA 710: Microeconomic Analysis for Public Administration, 3
- PA 715: Policy-Making and Implementation, 3
- PA 720: Managing Organizational Behavior, 3
- PA 725: Managing Human Resources, 3
- PA 730: Managing Budgets in the Public Sector, 3



Elective Courses– San Mateo Cohort

- Four courses, 12 units.
- Public Management elective emphasis
 - PA 740: Public Management
 - Other Possibilities
 - PA 742: Strategic Public & Nonprofit Management
 - PA 750: Financial Management in the Public Sector
 - PA 752: Public Administration and the Law
 - PA 755: Managing Information Systems in the Public Sector
 - PA 757: E-Government
 - PA 760: Diversity in Public Organizations
 - PA 762: Leadership for the Public and Nonprofit Sectors



Culminating Experience– San Mateo

- PA 800: Capstone Course
- Written Comprehensive Examination, or Strategic Assessment Memorandum



Internship– San Mateo

- Internship– Required But Can Be Waived
- Need 12-18 months experience in public / nonprofit sector to waive
- Assume that for San Mateo County Cohort



Initial Schedule First Semester -- San Mateo

- PA 700: Introduction to Public Administration & Public Policy, 3 units
- PA 720: Managing Organizational Behavior, 3



Admissions– San Mateo

- Deadline– May 1, 2007
- Letter of application
 - Why applicant would like to attend graduate school, is interested in the public sector and / or non-profit work, and wants to attain the M.P.A. degree
 - Must State Is Applying for San Mateo County Cohort Program
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
- Transcripts to both the Public Administration Program and the Graduate Division
- CSU Application for Graduate Admission to Graduate Division
- 3.0 grade point average in the last 60 units of undergraduate studies.
 - If not, GRE with at least 1100 on just the Verbal and Quantitative .



Program Prerequisites– San Mateo

- Lower Division Microeconomics Course– with at least B
- Pass Graduate Essay Test (\$50) on SF State campus



Program Costs– San Mateo

- \$250 per unit
- County Employees– Tuition Reimbursement
- Paid through SF State College of Extended Learning



Other Issues and Questions

- Books
- Online Courses
- Semester System
- Transfer Credits
- Time Limit to Degree
- Others?



Other Information?

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