



# Master of Public Administration

Auburn University at Montgomery ■ College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

# The MPA Program

The curriculum provides students with the training essential for understanding and solving today's complex policy problems, thereby positioning students for administrative and management opportunities across the public, non-profit, and private sectors.

The program requires twelve courses, six core courses, five electives, and a capstone seminar. Specialized courses are offered in nonprofit management and leadership, state and local politics, and data analysis and policy evaluation. Students can adapt the curriculum to their specific career goals. The plan of study is flexible to accommodate students who hope to complete the program quickly as well as those who intend to take just a few courses per year.

## Full- and Part-Time Students

The program welcomes full-time and part-time students. Full-time students, those who are taking three courses in the fall and spring semesters, can complete the program in four semesters. Most students complete the program within six to eight semesters.

## Class Format and Schedule

Courses are primarily offered in-person. Some electives can be taken online or in a hybrid format (a combination of classroom meetings and online). All classes are small, ranging from 10 to 20 students, enabling students to work closely with faculty and other students. Each course meets one evening per week on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

## Internships

Our location in the state capital provides many opportunities for students interested in undertaking internships with governmental and non-profit organizations involved with local and state policy issues. Students can receive up to six credit hours (the equivalent of two electives) for internships with relevant public, private, or non-profit entities.

## Placements

Our graduates pursue a variety of careers with local and state governments, non-profits, and private sector entities. Some continue their education in doctoral programs.

## Certificate in Data Analysis

MPA students may also pursue the Certificate in Data Analysis and Policy Evaluation by completing an additional course.

# Our Faculty



Tracey Bark, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., University of Oklahoma. Research interests: Public administration, education policy, and bureaucracies. She is the author of articles in *Regulation & Governance*, *Administration & Society*, and *Interest Groups & Advocacy*.



David A. Hughes, Associate Professor, Ph.D., University of Georgia. Research interests: Judicial politics and quantitative methodology. He is the author of articles in *Political Behavior* and the *Journal of Law and Courts* and has taught applied game theory at the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research.



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# How to Apply

The MPA program welcomes applicants throughout the academic year, and students may start the program in either the fall or spring semesters. Applicants must complete a graduate application and submit the following additional materials to [politicalscience@aum.edu](mailto:politicalscience@aum.edu):

- Undergraduate transcripts
- A 500-word statement of purpose
- A current resume
- Two letters of reference

## Scholarship Opportunities

Eligible incoming and continuing master's candidates are considered for tuition scholarships on a merit basis.

## About the Department

The Department of Political Science and Public Administration offers an undergraduate degree in political science, minors in political science, public administration, and international relations, and master's degrees in political science and public administration, and a Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Policy jointly with Auburn University's Department of Political Science. The Department's Master's Degree in Public Administration is NASPAA-accredited and is ranked among the best graduate programs in public affairs by US News and Report.

## Questions? Contact Us

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