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 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

Classes are offered in-person, online, or in a hybrid format (a combination of classroom meetings and online). In-person courses meet only one evening per week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. All classes are small, ranging from 10 to 15 students, enabling students to work closely with faculty members and other students.

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 approved specialized additional course.

Our Faculty



Tracey Bark, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., University of Oklahoma. Research interests: Public administration, education policy, and bureaucracies. Her research appears in several journals including *Regulation & Governance, Administration & Society,* and *Interest Groups & Advocacy.*



Andrew P. Cortell, Professor and Department Chair Ph.D., Columbia University. Research interests: International economic relations and international organizations. He is the author of *Mediating Globalization: Domestic Institutions and Industrial Policies in the United States and Britain* (SUNY Press), and the author of articles in a number of journals including *International Studies Quarterly* and *Review of International Studies*.



Kalu N. Kalu, Distinguished Research Professor, Ph.D., Texas Tech University. He was a post-doctoral fellow at Yale University and Fulbright Scholar to Finland. Research interests: public administration, organizational theory, and public policy. He is the author of numerous articles including those in *Public Administration Review* and *Administrative Theory & Praxis*. His most recent books include *Technology, Culture, and Public Policy* (Routledge) and *Citizenship* (Routledge).



Evan Moore, Professor, Ph.D., Virginia Tech University. Research interests: Economic policy, industrial organization, and financial markets. He is the author of numerous articles including those in the *American Economic Review, International Journal of Financial Studies,* and the *International Review of Economics Education.*

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:

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

Questions? Contact Us

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Scholarship Opportunities

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 program in political science, minors in political science and international relations, and master's degrees in political science and public administration. 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 World Report*.

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