



FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MPA)

The Master of Public Administration (called a Joint Master's Program or JMP) is offered jointly by The University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba. Students in the program acquire in-depth knowledge of both the theory and the practice of government organizations, including knowledge of political, economic, social and other contexts in which they operate.

MPA students have the opportunity to gain hands-on work experience through the Cooperative Education option in the program.

The objective of the joint MPA program is to provide students - both full- and part-time - with a sound knowledge of public administration. The approach is interdisciplinary, although courses in Political Science (at UWinnipeg) and Political Studies (at UManitoba) are emphasized.

The core program exposes all students to a common set of courses designed to encourage both innovative and integrative perspectives. There are also opportunities to take a range of policy courses in the areas of health care, human resource management, social welfare, aboriginal government, and organizational change.

Students complete 36 credits of course work in the program, and have the option of completing two work terms of 13 weeks each. The maximum time length to complete the MPA Program is six years.

SAMPLE CAREERS

Graduates may find employment in local, provincial, or federal government offices. They may also find work in the fields of international law and organization, teaching, journalism, public relations and public administration. They are valued as management consultants in public opinion research or in law enforcement services, labour unions, political parties and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Many lawyers and business people also find that the degree provides them with valuable background knowledge.

SAMPLE COURSES

PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC FINANCE FOR POLICY ANALYSIS - An introduction to basic economic theories and tools used in public sector economics, which may include the economics/politics of taxing policies, externalities, theories of intergovernmental grants, major Canadian government spending programs, and new developments.

MPA CAPSTONE SEMINAR - Students pursue individual supervised projects that allow them to integrate theory and practice in an original topic in public administration and/or public policy, drawing on their skills and knowledge gained throughout the program. These projects will be presented in a semester-end colloquium.

POLITICS OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT - Urban development, understood as the growth and change of the urban built form and environment, has a tremendous impact on the lives and livelihoods of residents who reside in urban areas. As a result, urban development and planning is one of the most important policy areas for municipal government, and a significant source of political conflict at the local level. This course compares and contrasts the politics of urban development in cities in North America and abroad, by examining the forces (actors, institutions, and the economy) that shape the development and planning policies of cities.

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- **Public Policy Process & Issues**
- **Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis**
- **An Indigenous Approach to Program Evaluation**
- **Governance & Administration**

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The joint MPA Program is a multi-disciplinary program admitting students with undergraduate work from a variety of backgrounds including political science, sociology, social work, science, economics, business and nursing. Students may be recommended for admission with a GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 credit hours of their undergraduate degree.

HOW TO APPLY

Students must apply for this joint program through the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of *Manitoba*. For information regarding the application procedure please visit: http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/graduate_studies/admissions/programs/public_admin.html.

Deadline for application is January 15th for enrolment in September.

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