

Public Administration

MPA | Master of Public Administration



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“What I love about the program is that it is accessible, practitioner-focused, and accommodating to working professionals. The program maintains a statewide reach, ensuring students like me have an opportunity to be part of a quality, engaging, and diverse program. I’m proud to be a UAS MPA student.”

– Tiffany Zulkosky
MPA Graduate

Alaska State Representative, District 38
Vice President of Communications, Yukon-Kuskokwim
Health Corporation

Potential Careers

- Federal/State/Local Government
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Tribal Government
- Military
- Public Education
- Juvenile Justice
- Health and Human Services
- Natural Resource Management

Building a network of Public Administrators across Alaska and the Yukon Territory

The public sector plays a vital role in the economy of Alaska. One fifth of Alaska’s GDP is directly due to the public sector and over a quarter of Alaska’s employment is provided by the public sector. For many businesses, the public sector is the largest customer base around. Whether you work for yourself, a business, or in the public sector, understanding how government works will be critical to your success.



The public sector builds the key social and economic infrastructure that makes Alaska such a wonderful place to live. There are fantastic career opportunities in a wide range of areas such as technology and telecommunications, transportation, energy, natural resources, and education or training. Having an MPA will help you develop your career in these and other areas.



Networking is an important part of career development, and in the MPA program, you will have the opportunity to meet public sector leaders from across Alaska. Your contacts can help you be more effective in your job, and help develop your career and make a difference. The program teaches the value of community, and the importance of public service. Our communities thrive when the public and private sectors work well together.

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Major Requirements

24 credits

PADM S601 Introduction to Public Administration	3	PADM S622 Human Resources & Organizational Dev.	3
PADM S604 Applied Research Methods	3	PADM S628 Public Financial Management	3
PADM S614 Public Policy and Accountability	3	PADM S688 Program Evaluation	3
PADM S616 Leadership	3	PADM S690 Public Administration Capstone	3

Degree Requirements and Concentrations

In addition to major requirements, students have the option to establish a General concentration, a concentration in Higher Education Administration, or a concentration in Rural Development. The Public Administration Capstone is the final class to complete the degree. The class requires students to review the various core subject areas, plus Leadership and Democratic Governance, and to apply those concepts to an agency of their choosing.

General

12 credits

Choose from a variety of special topics that address important and timely issues that organizations face in Alaska and the Yukon.

Advisor approved Public Administration elective	3
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Higher Education

12 credits

Focus on higher education institutions, the organization development processes, contemporary theories, and practical considerations including leadership styles and administrative processes with an emphasis on Alaska and the Yukon Territory.

PADM S651 Introduction to Higher Education	3
PADM S653 Organizational Development in Higher Ed	3
PADM S655 Higher Education and Public Policy	3
PADM S657 Higher Education Law	3

Rural Development

12 credits

Focus on needs of indigenous and other rural communities, including management of tribal governments, community organizations, and indigenous-controlled profit and non-profit corporations. Coursework for this concentration is offered online via the Rural Development program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

RD F601 Political Economy of the Circumpolar North	3
RD F651 Management Strategies for Rural Dev	3
Advisor approved Rural Development elective	3
Advisor approved Rural Development elective	3

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: uas.alaska.edu/academics

Candidates for the Master of Public Administration degree must satisfy all University graduate degree requirements in the UAS Catalog as well as the specific program requirements in the Public Administration section. A minimum of 36 approved credits is required for the degree, in addition to evidence of practical experience in public or non-profit administration. Students must work with an academic advisor to plan their course sequence. UA is an AA/EQ employer and educational institution and prohibits illegal discrimination against any individual: www.alaska.edu/nondiscrimination. Updated 12/2021

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