Our Program Structure

We teach required courses, including: Public Budgeting, Administrative Ethics, Administrative Law, Policy Development, Program Evaluation, Communication, Human Resources Management, and Organization Theory, etc.

Our program requires you to complete 42 credit hours of graduate work, including a core curriculum of 11 courses (33 hours) and three elective courses (9 hours). While we teach most courses on campus, some online courses are available on a semester-by-semester basis. You will be able to complete our program in about two years (if enrolled full-time) or less than three years (if enrolled part-time).



Join Our MPA Program

Our full-time faculty have Ph.D.s in their areas of expertise, are nationally and internationally recognized, dedicated to improving the quality of public service, and attentive to your needs. They are equally committed to providing your professional development needs while fostering future generations of public service scholars, leaders, and managers.

Our MPA program is flexible enough to accommodate your work schedule: Courses are taught in the evenings and weekends; some courses are offered online.

We have merit-based graduate assistantships and scholarships available each year to students interested in working with faculty or administration in the Department of Public Affairs and Social Research. In addition, many students admitted to the MPA program are eligible for some form of financial aid.

For complete information about scholarships, assistantships, and other assistance specific to the MPA program and our college, contact the Office of Graduate Studies & Research at: graduateschool@tamiu.edu

Our MPA degree makes you professionally competent and qualifies you for different careers in public and nonprofit agencies locally, nationally, and internationally. It also qualifies you for careers in private organizations that interface with government and other public agencies.



For more information concerning our MPA program, contact: publicadmin@tamiu.edu

We are looking forward to having you join our community of scholars and practitioners.



Our MPA degree is an ideal major well suited to careers in local, state, and federal government, as well as nonprofit management, including:

- City and county management
- Financial administration
- Budget and fiscal analysis
- Human resources management
- Community development
- Economic planning
- Nonprofit management
- Policy development and analysis
- Program evaluation

Public Public Administration

How to Apply

New students are admitted to our MPA program for each semester only. Applicants must be cleared for admission by the Office of Graduate Studies & Research as indicated below:

- Fill out application forms at www.applytexas.org
- Complete and submit application and required documentation to the Office of Graduate Studies & Research.
- Have official GRE test scores sent directly from ETS. International students must also submit adequate TOEFL scores and financial documentation.

Our Mission and Philosophy

The TAMIU Master's in Public Administration (MPA) Program is committed to providing individuals employed in or seeking public service careers with quality professional knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to lead and manage public agencies, programs, and projects.

We prepare our students to value public service, think analytically and critically, and communicate effectively.

Our Goals

- To provide skills and abilities needed to lead and manage in public governance.
- To provide skills and abilities needed to participate in and contribute to the policy process.
- To provide skills and abilities needed to analyze, solve public problems and make decisions.
- To provide skills and abilities needed to articulate and apply a public service perspective.
- To prepare students to communicate productively with a diverse workforce.