Saint Louis University is a Catholic, Jesuit institution that values academic excellence, life-changing research, compassionate health care, and a strong commitment to faith and service. Founded in 1818, the University fosters the intellectual and character development of nearly 14,000 students on two campuses in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Building on a legacy of nearly 200 years, Saint Louis University continues to move forward with an unwavering commitment to a higher purpose, a greater good.

OVERVIEW

The Master of Public Administration offered by SLU's political science department is a versatile graduate degree designed for mid-career public sector professionals and pre-service students. It equips you for a career in the public or nonprofit sectors at the local, state or national levels in:

- Government administration
- Policy analysis
- Nonprofit management
- Government relations

Earning your M.P.A. from SLU will ensure that you possess proficiency in management principles and techniques, research and evaluation skills, and the identification and analysis of individual and institutional values as they relate to social, economic and political behavior.

In addition, the program is accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration, so you can be sure the curriculum reflects the current trends in professional education towards training experts in the field.

Career Paths

As a graduate of Saint Louis University's M.P.A. program, you will be prepared to work in a variety of settings in the public, private and nongovernmental sectors. Positions held by past graduates include:

- Executive directors of nonprofit agencies
- Budget analysts for municipal governments
- City managers
- Development officer for major health care institutions
- Government relations liaison for a major university

You will also be joining a network of Billiken alumni who are employed in a variety of positions at the local, state, national and internal levels. These graduates have found jobs working at municipalities, foundations, community organizations, investment companies, private developers, health care providers and planning firms.

Curriculum

The M.P.A. program is housed within the political science department and requires 36 credit hours of coursework consisting of 18 credit hours of core courses and 18 credit hours of concentration courses and electives.

In addition, the program requires an internship (three credit hours) for students with limited professional experience in the public sector. Students also must complete a capstone project that focuses on researching a particular issue in public administration.

Subjects covered by required courses include administrative law, budgeting and finance, public administration issues, organizational theory, public sector economics and research methods. Elective courses are available in public policy, political science, public health, social work, sociology and ethics.

You can also earn one of several joint degrees. These programs allow you to complete all the necessary coursework for an M.P.A. usually within one additional semester. Possible combinations for M.P.A. students include:

- Law: J.D./M.P.A. (requires comprehensive exam instead of capstone)
- Social work: M.S.W./M.P.A.
- Political science: M.A./M.P.A.
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Public Administration

FACULTY

Robert Cropf, Ph.D.
American public administration, public policy, public finance, public budgeting

James Gilsinan, Ph.D.
Public policy and criminology, organizational theory

Chryl Laird, Ph.D.
Race and ethnic politics, political psychology, experimental and survey methodology

Wynne Moskop, Ph.D.
Political leadership, gender and multiculturalism, and constitutionalism

Fr. Richard Quirk, Ph.D.
Civil renewal, ethic models and political philosophies, United States housing policy

Steven Rogers, Ph.D.
American politics, formal and quantitative methods

Kenneth F. Warren, Ph.D.
Administrative law, electoral politics and polling, American national politics

Emmanuel Uwalaka, Ph.D.
Research methods, comparative government, international relations

Jason Windett, Ph.D.
State and local politics, racial and ethnic politics, research methods

Daniel Monti, Ph.D.
Business-community relations, civil unrest, urban community and politics, civic culture

Morgan Hazelton, Ph.D.
Judicial politics, law and public policy

M.P.A.

FALL: July 1
SPRING: Nov. 1
SUMMER: N/A

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- GRE, GMAT or LSAT scores
- Résumé
- Statement of purpose

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