

## School of Public Administration and Policy

### UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Tucson, Arizona



## MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

### University Overview

Founded in 1885 and located in Tucson, Arizona, the University of Arizona is ranked by the National Science Foundation as one of the top 15 research institutions in the nation. More than 1,600 faculty members serve 35,000 students, and offer 131 master's and 93 doctoral programs.

Tucson, one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the Sun Belt, is a dynamic southwestern community of more than 900,000 people. Nestled between four mountain ranges 120 miles from Phoenix and 60 miles from the Mexican border, the city enjoys a rich cultural heritage and wide variety of attractions. Tucson supports cultural activities surprising for its size, offering frequent performances of the Arizona Opera Company, Arizona Theater Company, Tucson Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Arizona. The city's Sonoran desert climate is ideal for outdoor and nature enthusiasts.

### Graduate Program Overview

The School of Public Administration and Policy offers a Master of Public Administration. The program prepares men and women for leadership positions in the public and nonprofit sectors, as well as in private organizations which interact with government. Located in the Eller College of Management, the School is uniquely situated to offer one of the leading full-time programs in public management available in the U.S.

The program attracts approximately 30-35 students per year. Faculty members represent diverse backgrounds and academic disciplines; many faculty hold joint appointments in other University departments. The School includes several institutes and centers, including the Institute for Local Government, the Applied Behavioral Health Policy Division, the Law, Criminal Justice and Security Program, and the Rombach Institute on Crime, Delinquency, and Corrections. The School also enjoys a close relationship with members of public affairs and nonprofit agencies that provide opportunities for internships and for case projects, as well as, on a select basis, practitioners who participate in classroom teaching and as guest speakers.

The School offers a highly regarded Ph.D program in Management and joint degree programs with the James E.

Rogers College of Law, and with Latin American Studies Program.

The program of study consists of 54 credit hours (full time) two years, and consists of 21 core credit hours, 12 credit hours of skills track course work in management and/or policy, 12 credit hours of concentration course work and 6 credit hours of internship.

### Degrees Offered

MPA

Ph.D

A part-time evening MS in Management with specialization in public management is being planned to begin with the 2006-2007 academic year.

### Tracks or Specializations

- criminal justice
- health and human services
- environment and natural resources
- nonprofit and local government management
- public and nonprofit finance

### Admissions

Admission to the Master of Public Administration Program is competitive and requires a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, completion of GRE, application for admission to the Graduate College and a \$50 non-refundable application fee, domicile affidavit form (US citizens only), official transcripts, supplemental information form with accompanying essays, a resume and a minimum of three letters of recommendation.

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