

Graduate Program in Public Administration
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK
Little Rock, Arkansas



MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

University Overview

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) is a comprehensive, state supported metropolitan university located on 150 wooded acres in the capital city of Little Rock, the population center of Arkansas. Because of its location and its urban orientation, the average age of undergraduate students is 27 and 65% of the students attend school on a part-time basis. Of the approximately 12,000 students enrolled at UALR, about 2,000 are graduate students.

Graduate Program Overview

The Graduate Program in Public Administration offers the Master of Public Administration (MPA) and is administratively housed in the Institute of Government within the College of Professional Studies. The Institute also contains other units that provide internships, assistantships, practical experience and networking opportunities for MPA students and alumni.

The MPA program requires 36 semester credit hours, including 21 hours of core courses and 15 hours of approved electives. Elective courses are tailored to each student's career objectives and goals. All of the MPA courses are convenient evening classes with year-round admissions on a full or part-time basis.

A comprehensive internship program allows students without public or nonprofit experience to gain first-hand, practical experience in paid, full-time positions, lasting from four to six months, generally after all course work is completed. Internship hours are in addition to the 36 hours required for the MPA degree. The MPA program is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).

Degrees Offered

MPA
MPA/JD

Tracks or Specializations

A specialization may be developed.

Admissions

Admission to the MPA program requires a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, with a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 (4.0 scale) or a 3.0 in the last 60 hours; a combined score of at least 1000 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or at least a 40 on the Miller Analogies Test; and an undergraduate course in public administration which may be taken with the student's first graduate courses.

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