

# Public Administration (Emergency Management), MPA

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This top-ranked concentration within our MPA program (No. 1 in Homeland Security and Emergency Management, U.S. News & World Report, 2023) prepares you to be a results-driven leader within the field of emergency management. The program can be completed full time or part time.

## Program description

### **Degree awarded: MPA Public Administration (Emergency Management)**

The MPA is a professional degree program designed to prepare students for public service at all levels of government as well as the nonprofit and private sectors.

The program consists of a core curriculum emphasizing managerial and analytic skills needed in a large range of careers that serve the public good. Through a focused set of electives, the concentration in emergency management provides students with the skills and knowledge they need in order to manage and assume positions of leadership in the field of emergency management within government, private, nonprofit and civic organizations. An all-hazards and all-threats orientation paired with a focus on community resilience and communication provides the student with a generalist perspective, which is critically important for the disaster managers of today and tomorrow.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#), [ASU at Hainan](#)

## Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an **accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree** with:

Emergency Management and Homeland Security, BS

Public Service and Public Policy, BS

Public Service and Public Policy (American Indian Studies), BS

Public Service and Public Policy (Business), BS

Public Service and Public Policy (Criminology), BS

Public Service and Public Policy (Emergency Management and Homeland Security), BS

Public Service and Public Policy (Health Policy), BS

Public Service and Public Policy (Law and Policy), BS

Public Service and Public Policy (Nonprofit Leadership and Management), BS

Public Service and Public Policy (Parks and Recreation Management), BS

Public Service and Public Policy (Social Services Delivery), BS

Public Service and Public Policy (Sustainability), BS

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

## Degree requirements

42 credit hours including the required capstone course (PAF 509)

### **Required Core (27 credit hours)**

PAF 501 Public Service Research I (3)

PAF 502 Public Service Research II (3)

PAF 503 Public Affairs (3)

PAF 504 Microeconomics of Public Policy I (3)

PAF 505 Public Policy Analysis (3)

PAF 506 Public Budgeting and Finance (3)

PAF 507 Public Human Resource Management (3)

PAF 508 Organization Behavior (3)

PAF 574 Diversity, Ethics and Leading Public Change (3)

### **Required Concentration (9 credit hours)**

PAF 520 Public Management (3)

PAF 552 Integrated Emergency Management (3)

PAF 555 Information Technology in Emergency Management (3)

### **Electives or Research (3 credit hours)**

## **Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**

PAF 509 Public Affairs Capstone (3)

## **Additional Curriculum Information**

Students should see the academic unit for a complete list of approved electives.

## **Admission requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution in a related field. Related fields include political science, criminology, planning, business, urban and metropolitan studies, and other social science fields. Although most students for the graduate concentration would likely come from the aforementioned degree fields, the department may accept applicants with undergraduate degrees from all educational backgrounds provided the minimum requirements for the degree program are met.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. statement of career and educational goals
4. two letters of recommendation (both of which should be academic recommendations)
5. proof of English proficiency

## **Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English must [provide proof of English proficiency](#) regardless of their current residency.

Students who enroll in Master of Public Administration core courses must demonstrate minimum competency in statistics and American government, typically through the completion of an undergraduate social statistics course such as PAF 301 Applied Statistics and undergraduate coursework in American national government such as POS 310 American National Government. Completion of prerequisite courses is not a requirement for admission but must be completed within one semester after starting the program. Students may also satisfy the American national government competency by successfully completing a noncredit online course offered by the School of Public Affairs to incoming students.

Applicants should email [spa@asu.edu](mailto:spa@asu.edu) if they have questions about the application process.

## **Tuition information**

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

## **Career opportunities**

Graduates are prepared to pursue a career in a field related to public administration or public policy. This may include opportunities as a manager or policy analyst in local, state or federal agencies; in nonprofit organizations; and in private organizations that interface with the public sector.

## **Contact information**

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