

Public Safety Leadership and Administration (Executive Police Administration), MPSLA

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You crave constant improvement. Build your leadership skills in this advanced degree program that concentrates on executive law enforcement administration. You'll gain expertise in investigating causes of crime as well as strategies for reducing and preventing crime, ultimately helping to create strong and resilient communities.

Program description

Degree awarded: MPSLA Public Safety Leadership and Administration (Executive Police Administration)

The MPSLA degree program is designed primarily for public safety professionals. This advanced degree offers those who wish to progress in their career within public safety administration an important advantage: a practical understanding of public safety organization administration.

This graduate program, through its accomplished faculty and intricately connected curriculum, endeavors to advance students' leadership, policy and administrative acumen.

The executive police administration concentration program provides law enforcement professionals with the highly specialized knowledge and practical skills required to rise to leadership positions in a law enforcement organization. This program enhances the leadership, management and administrative skills and the knowledge and ability of present and future senior and midlevel managers, and it addresses the critical areas in the management of a contemporary law enforcement agency.

At a glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** Online

Degree requirements

33 credit hours including the required applied project course (CRJ 593)

Required Core (15 credit hours)

PAF 506 Public Budgeting and Finance (3)

CRJ 510 Criminal Justice Planning and Program Evaluation (3)

CRJ 574 Executive Leadership Principles in Public Safety (3)

PAF 507 Public Human Resource Management (3)

PAF 508 Organization Behavior (3)

Concentration (9 credit hours)

CRJ 501 Seminar in Criminal Justice (3)

CRJ 516 Seminar in Criminal Justice Organization and Management (3)

CRJ 518 Seminar on Race/Ethnicity, Crime and Justice (3)

Electives or Research (6 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)

CRJ 593 Applied Project (3)

Additional Curriculum Information

Students choose one course from a restricted list or any graduate-level CPP, CRJ or PAF course, with program approval, for the electives or research credit.

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 if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in criminology or criminal justice, public administration or public service, sociology or social work, public safety or fire service management, parks and recreation management, applied sciences or another closely related field from a regionally accredited institution.

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. two letters of recommendation
4. written statement
5. evidence of current employment in an organization in the field of the degree program or concentration, or at least two years of professional experience in the field of the chosen degree program or concentration
6. resume or curriculum vitae
7. 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.

The written statement should be one to two pages and describe the applicant's prior education, relevant professional experience and career goals, and it should explain how the criminal justice program will help them attain their career goals. The statement should explicitly explain how the applicant's plans are consistent with the role and mission of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at ASU. It is recommended that applicants who feel they are weak in a particular area or in an admission requirement address their plan to remedy any shortcomings if they are granted provisional admission to the degree program.

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.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

Application deadlines

Fall

Spring

Summer

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Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Critically integrate theoretical perspectives on leadership into the planning and evaluation of public safety programs.
- Demonstrate the essential qualifications for employment in public safety leadership roles by applying their foundational knowledge of organizational leadership and administration to a final written project.
- Able to effectively manage employees and change efforts in police organizations.

Career opportunities

Graduates are equipped to perform managerial duties in federal, state, local, territorial and tribal law enforcement agencies. They also are prepared for roles in probation and parole, child support services, homeland security and allied security professions. Graduates should expect to find employment and advancement in all levels of government agencies and in the private sector.

Career examples include:

- chief of police
- first-line police supervisor
- police detective
- police dispatcher
- special agent

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