Master of Public Safety Leadership and Administration, MPSLA

Are you seeking the skills you need to effectively manage and lead public safety organizations? The knowledge and experience you acquire in this program can put you on the path to being an agent of positive change within public service agencies.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MPSLA Public Safety Leadership and Administration
The MPSLA is a graduate degree program designed around the needs of public safety professionals.

This graduate program, with accomplished faculty and an intricately connected curriculum, endeavors to advance students' leadership and policy and administrative acumen. Students gain skills in data analysis, organizational management and leadership, and public policy and administration.

Graduates have a practical understanding of public safety organization administration.

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)**
CPP 521 Public Finance and Project Management for Emergency Management and Homeland Security
(3) or PAF 506 Public Budgeting and Finance (3)
CRJ 510 Criminal Justice Planning and Program Evaluation (3)
CRJ 574 Executive Leadership Principles in Public Service (3)
PAF 507 Public Human Resource Management (3)
PAF 508 Organization Behavior (3)

**Electives (15 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**
CRJ 593 Applied Project (3)

**Additional Curriculum Information**
Students should see the academic unit for approved elective course list.

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**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 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, environmental sciences or geography, public health, 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.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. two letters of recommendation
4. written personal statement
5. evidence of current employment in an organization in degree program or concentration field or at least two years prior professional experience in chosen degree program or concentration field
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 in length and describe the applicant's prior education, relevant professional experience, and career goals, and explain how the criminal justice program will help in attaining 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 as if they are weak in a particular area or admission requirement address their plan to remedy any shortcomings should they be granted provisional admission into the degree program.

Admission examinations are not required.

Current employment in an organization in this field, at least two years of prior professional experience in this or a related field, or a bachelor's degree in a related area is required.

**Tuition Information**

When it comes to paying for college, 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** expand
- **Spring** expand
- **Summer** expand

**Career Opportunities**

An advanced degree is increasingly important for career progression within public safety administration.

Graduates of this program are prepared for pursuit of management, leadership and administrative career paths in all levels of government and public safety agencies and organizations, such as the police force, hospitals and rescue services, the fire department and more, as well as in private sector organizations.

**Contact Information**