Master of Public Safety Leadership and Administration, MPSLA

Become an agent of positive change within public safety agencies. This program is ideal for professionals looking to gain the skills necessary to manage and lead public safety organizations.

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, through accomplished faculty and intricately connected curriculum, endeavors to advance student 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 (PAF 593 or CPP 593)

**Required Core (15 credit hours)**
CPP 520 Program Evaluation for Emergency Management and Homeland Security (3)
CPP 521 Public Finance and Project Management for Emergency Management and Homeland Security (3) or PAF 506 Public Budgeting and Finance (3)
CPP 570 GIS for Hazards Analysis (3)
PAF 507 Public Human Resource Management (3)
PAF 508 Organization Behavior (3)

**Electives (15 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**
CPP 593 Applied Project (3) or
PAF 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. written statement
4. two letters of recommendation
5. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency

A written statement, at least one page in length, which describes the applicant's educational and career goals and long-term professional development strategy is required.
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.

**Attend Online**

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information [here](#).

**Application Deadlines**

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**Career Opportunities**

An advanced degree is increasingly important for career progression within public safety administration. This advanced degree in public safety administration can help students pursue 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.

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