



McGeorge School of Law

Master of Public Administration

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The McGeorge School of Law Master of Public Administration (MPA) prepares professionals to capably manage public policy processes and effectively implement public policy decisions. Graduates will be ready to advance their careers in management and leadership positions in a wide range of public-focused organizations, including government agencies, non-profit and other nongovernmental organizations, private sector firms, and advocacy groups. This is the only MPA program offered by an accredited law school in the nation. Special attention is given to statutes, regulations and strategic use of legal processes.

CURRICULUM

The 30-unit core curriculum can be completed in 2½ years, or over a shorter or longer time span based on student needs. Courses include, but are not limited to:

- Introduction to Legal Analysis
- Statutes and Regulations
- Values, Roles, and Skills
- Leaders, Organizational Behavior
- Conflicted, Complex, Uncertain
- Budgets, Financial Management
- Economic Concepts and Tools
- Public Manager Analytics
- Strategic Public Management
- Systemic Change

As an option, students can select a concentration from 12 different focus areas, such as health policy and management, social policy, water and natural resources, sustainability, and judicial administration, or choose a customized concentration (6-12 additional units, depending on the focus area).

FACULTY

The McGeorge MPA faculty members have decades of experience clarifying public values, designing and managing public institutions, plus educating and supporting public professionals. Areas of expertise include strategic leadership, effective public policy design and implementation, water, health and regional economics.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The MPA program admission process involves careful review of each applicant's background, experience and goals. Admission decisions are made on a rolling basis until the class is filled. Applicants will need:

- Completed online application
- Bachelor's degree
- Transcripts
- Statement of Purpose
- Resume
- Two Letters of Recommendation

TUITION AND FINANCING

Tuition and fees are set annually. The per-unit graduate tuition rate for the 2017-2018 academic year is \$1,260 plus applicable fees.

Scholarships awarded by the program are available. Graduate students who are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens may apply for federal student loans. Please contact our Office of Financial Aid for more information about financing options.

MORE INFORMATION

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