



MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

WHAT IS AN MPA?

A Master of Public Administration (MPA) is a professional management degree that prepares students to lead nonprofit organizations and government (public sector) agencies.

HOW WILL AN MPA DEGREE HELP ME IN MY CAREER?

The Master of Public Administration curriculum prepares students to think critically, act ethically and make decisions strategically. Our graduates are in high demand, having prepared for their careers through coursework in:

- program and policy evaluation
- public network management
- public and nonprofit finance
- human resources management

WHY BINGHAMTON?

The Greater Binghamton region serves as a lab of social innovation for our students. Its size allows them to easily connect with nonprofit and public sector leaders for access to opportunities to create and see real changes in the community. Our program is housed in the College of Community and



Public Affairs, centrally located in vibrant, downtown Binghamton.

Our faculty are nationally-recognized scholars in philanthropy and nonprofit management, local government management and finance, international non-governmental organizations and sustainable development.

Our faculty have connections worldwide and provide excellent opportunities for students to view local government and nonprofit management through an international lens.

THE CURRICULUM: FLEXIBLE BY DESIGN



"I frequently think about the innumerable benefits of my obtaining a master's degree in public policy and administration from Binghamton University. I developed strong relationships with my professors and gained valuable knowledge that prepared me for my analytical work in the federal government.

As I rose through the ranks to the Senior Executive Service, my robust Binghamton experience helped to prepare me for the challenges of leadership."

— Kimberly Gianopoulos '89, director of the U.S. Government Accountability Office, Washington D.C.

FULL OR PART TIME: THE OPTION IS YOURS

Full-time students complete the program over four semesters (two years).

FOR WORKING PROFESSIONALS

Our program was designed to accommodate working professionals. Classes are held once each week, and rotate evening to daytime each semester, enabling working students to complete the degree program while working full-time.

MPA DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Core courses	25 credits
Electives	12 credits
Application of learning (internship)	2 credits
Culminating experiences	3 credits
TOTAL	42 credits

DESIGN YOUR DEGREE

Within the MPA degree, students are provided the option of earning one of three certificates or a specialization, using program electives:

- **Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention**
- **Local Government Management and Leadership**
- **Nonprofit Management and Leadership**
- **Sustainable Communities (specialization)**

For students who want to graduate with expertise in one issue area, our curriculum is designed with 12 credits of electives, allowing students to focus on sustainable communities, health policy, emergency management, education policy or other areas of interest.

All students are offered the opportunity to choose elective courses suited to their specialized academic interests from various other graduate academic departments, dependent on course availability and students' individual schedules.

DUAL AND DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Our dual and double degree programs provide students the option of earning two master's degrees within three years of full-time study, saving time and money.

■ Master of Social Work and MPA	93 credits
■ Master of Student Affairs Administration and MPA	64 credits
■ Master of Sustainable Communities and MPA	69 credits
■ Master of Systems Science and industrial engineering and MPA	60 credits

ACCELERATED PROGRAMS

Our program partners with any Harpur BA major (excluding Fine Arts) and the BS in Human Development at Binghamton University, providing students the option of earning their MPA degree within one year of completing their undergraduate studies.

TAKE A COURSE OR TWO

Not ready to commit? Students can apply to take up to 12 credits as a non-matriculated student to see if the program is the right fit.

INTERNSHIPS

The MPA internship is an integral part of the student experience, providing an opportunity to apply what is learned in the classroom to professional experiences and situations. Our students have pursued internships all over the world. MPA students have interned for the American Red Cross, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, the Office of Economic Development, City of Binghamton, and many others.

Returned Peace Corps volunteers are invited to apply to the Coverdell Fellows program. Accepted fellows receive up to 6 credits for their Peace Corps service and a graduate assistantship that will provide a stipend and tuition scholarship over the course of the degree program.

OUR MPA ALUMNI

We have been conferring MPA degrees at Binghamton University since 1995, and have an active network of over 550 alumni.



"The MPA program opened up my horizon to an endless possibility of impact driven output in the public service field. Everyone from the faculty to my fellow peers made the program interactive and the courses are of a high quality. I learned to challenge the status quo, and thanks to the network of MPA alumni I was able to take my achievements and experiences to Washington D.C."

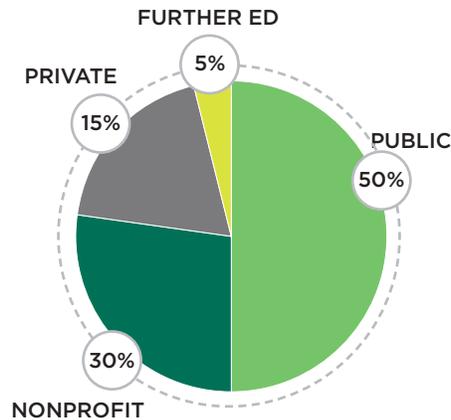
— Clinton Joseph '19, program analyst for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington D.C.



"Faculty members in the Public Administration Department were inspiring and always approachable. They led me into research and into exploring the unknowns in the field. It was my study in the MPA program that made me determined to continue my research and to pursue my doctoral degree."

— Ximeng Chen '14, assistant professor at Sacred Heart University

MPA ALUMNI BY SECTOR



"I attended Binghamton for its dual-degree, MPA and MSW program. I wanted to receive a holistic education that would prepare me for the public sector and I received exactly that. Every professor there is knowledgeable and passionate about their field. They come with a wide variety of experiences to educate students and are always willing to help. The program was able to connect me with a job in New York state government directly after I graduated."

— Albert Choi '21, Excelsior Fellow for the NYS Division of Youth Development and Partnerships for Success



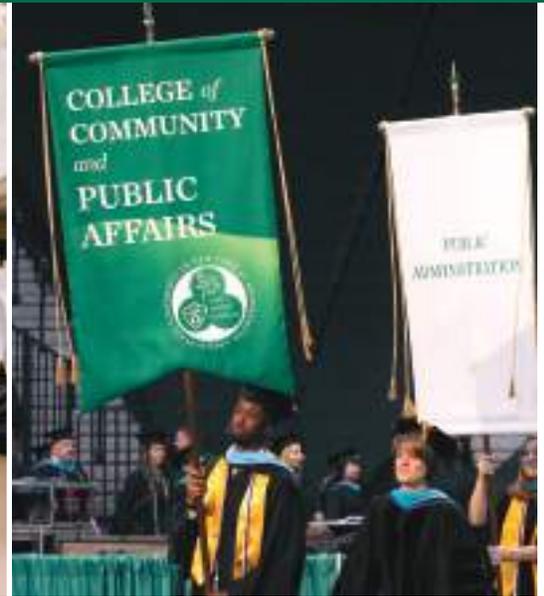
"We did a lot of group projects, which was excellent because it does prepare you for working as a team. In the nonprofit sector it's crucial to learn how to work across departments. The research skills that I learned in the program were excellent, I apply them almost on a daily basis."

— Jael Sanchez '07, director of Housing for Broadway Housing Communities in New York, NY



"The MPA program showed me that there are many different ways to change the world. The faculty are brilliant leaders that gave me the tools necessary to carve my own path. As a current law student, I continue to apply the lessons that I learned and skills I developed in the MPA program. The group work was especially impactful because it taught me what it truly means to work on a team."

— Jaelyn Schulze '18, J.D. Candidate at the University of Michigan Law School and previously worked for the NYC Mayor's Office of Contract Services



HOW TO APPLY

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- BA or a BS degree from a recognized college or university; all majors are eligible
- Minimum 3.0 GPA

APPLYING TO THE MPA PROGRAM

Fall application deadline: February 1 for funding consideration; applications accepted on a rolling basis thereafter.

Spring application deadline: October 15 for funding consideration; applications accepted on a rolling basis thereafter.

QUICK APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Undergraduate and graduate degree transcripts from every institution you have attended
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- Resume or CV
- Graduate admission application and application fee

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS:

- International Student Financial Statement form (PDF)
- Official bank statement/proof of support
- Official TOEFL, IELTS or PTE Academic scores

Applicants apply directly through Binghamton University's Graduate School portal: binghamton.edu/grad-school/apply

COSTS AND FINANCIAL AID

Investor's Business Daily recently ranked Binghamton in the top 10 for return on investment, while national publications such as *U.S. News & World Report*, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* and the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* consistently rank Binghamton among the elite institutions providing superior programs at costs significantly below comparable private institutions.

The department offers many options for financial support including graduate assistantships and scholarships.

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