Master of Public Administration (MPA)

This program is offered by the Walker School of Business & Technology.

Program Description
The MPA is designed to provide a developmental framework for those interested in leadership and management in the public service. It examines the public and non-profit sectors of society, with an analysis of management techniques and the leadership experience used in applying these techniques to public policy decision-making. The curriculum seeks to examine in depth the nature of public servants, the tools at their disposal, and various roles in public organizations.

This program is offered online and at a number of campuses in the United States. Please see the Campus Locations section of this catalog for a list of campuses where this program is offered.

The MPA is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

Program Learning Outcomes
• Students will be able to explain the important terminology, facts, concepts, principles, analytic techniques, and theories used in the field of public administration.
• Students will be able to effectively apply important terminology, facts, concepts, principles, analytic techniques, and theories used in the field of public administration when analyzing complex factual situations.
• Students will be able to effectively integrate (or synthesize) important facts, concepts, principles, and theories in the field of public administration when developing solutions to multifaceted public administration problems in complex factual situations.

Program Curriculum
The 36 credit hours required for the master of public administration (MPA) must include the following courses for a major in public administration:

• PADM 5000 Public Administration (required course) (3 hours)
• MNGT 5590 Organizational Behavior (3 hours)
• PADM 5820 Planning and Evaluation (3 hours)
• PADM 5830 Administrative Law and Processes (3 hours)
• PADM 5840 Budgetary Theory and Analysis (3 hours)
• PADM 5850 Research and Assessment in Public Administration (3 hours)
• PADM 5870 Public Personnel Management (3 hours)
• PADM 5890 Public Policy and Administration (3 hours)
• PADM 6000 Integrated Studies in Public Administration (3 hours)

In addition, the student chooses 9 credit hours of elective courses offered from the program curricula of other George Herbert Walker School of Business & Technology majors.

If the requisite course is waived, the student must choose an elective course from this major or from the program curriculum of another George Herbert Walker School of Business & Technology major.

Admission
Students who are interested in applying to this certificate program should see the Admission Section of this catalog for general requirements.

Send all admission materials to:
Office of Admissions
Webster University
470 E. Lockwood Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63119

Advancement to Candidacy
Students are admitted to their graduate program upon completion of all admission requirements. Students are advanced to candidacy status after successfully completing 12 credit hours of graduate credit, with grades of B– or better. In the MBA program and other specialized programs, courses required as prerequisites to the program do not count toward the 12 credit hours required for advancement. A student who receives one F or two C’s before advancement is dismissed. Students admitted on a conditional basis into the School of Business and Technology, the College of Arts & Sciences, or the School of Communications are limited to taking one course per term. Such students who earn one grade of C or below before they are advanced to candidacy will be dismissed without further right to appeal for reinstatement but may apply for readmission after one calendar year from the date of dismissal. Exceptions for international students may apply.