Admission and Application Materials

Applications are accepted in the spring and fall semesters. For application deadlines, please visit: sgpp.arizona.edu
Applications are accepted online at: grad.arizona.edu

Application materials include:

- **Official transcripts** of all undergraduate work including summer session
- **Supplemental Information Form** with accompanying essays (sgpp.arizona.edu)
- **Résumé** describing relevant experiences, responsibilities and achievements.
- **Three letters** of recommendation (at least one academic) from persons able to provide verification and a specific assessment of your professional and/or academic performance and capabilities.
- **GRE scores.** A score above 50 percentile in all areas is usually the minimum acceptable.

For more information, please contact Pamela Adams at padams1@email.arizona.edu or (520) 621-3128.
Program Overview

Ranked #7 in the west and #37 in the nation, the Master of Public Administration (MPA) prepares men and women for challenging and rewarding careers in the changing public and nonprofit arenas.

This program combines curricular structure, physical facilities, and real-world fieldwork opportunities to foster the managerial skills needed to meet today’s greater demands for accountability and effectiveness from public and nonprofit organizations.

Concentrations

Students may specialize in the following concentrations:
- Collaborative Governance
- Criminal Justice & Comparative National Security
- Environment & Natural Resources
- Health & Human Services
- Local Government / Nonprofit Management / Finance

AMP Curriculum

Please note this is a sample plan. Curriculum will vary based on the semester students begin the program.

Senior Year, Semester One
- PA 501 and PA 552 or RNR 585 or
- PA 501 and 500 Level Criminal Justice Class*

Senior Year Semester Two
- PA 503 and PA 508 or
- PA 503 and 500 Level Criminal Justice Class*

Summer
- MPA Internship and/or 6 Units Concentration Classes

Semester One MPA
- PA 552 or RNR 585, Practicum, and 6 Units Concentration Classes

Semester Two MPA
- PA 505, Practicum, Concentration, and Elective

*For PMPC students with criminal justice concentration.

Information Sessions

Offered once a semester, these sessions cover information regarding the program and the application process. There will also be time for Q and A. For session dates, please visit:
http://sgpp.arizona.edu/content/accelerated-masters-public-administration

To Determine Eligibility

Students should meet with an undergraduate Public Management and Policy advisor to determine if they are eligible and when they should apply for the program. Students may schedule an appointment by visiting our website:
http://sgpp.arizona.edu/poladvising

Start earning your Master’s degree while completing your Bachelor’s degree

- Do you have a 3.3 GPA?
- Are you a sophomore or junior Public Management and Policy student?
- If you can answer YES to these questions, you may be a good fit for this program!

Accelerated Master of Public Administration

The Accelerated Master of Public Administration will enable academically talented University of Arizona undergraduates to complete the B.S. in Public Management and Policy AND the Master of Public Administration in as little as five years of study beginning with their freshman year as an undergraduate.

This program is intended for students interested in enhancing their qualifications for admission to other graduate programs (such as Ph.D. programs or J.D. programs at law schools) and for students interested in an accelerated masters program. The program is open to University of Arizona undergraduates majoring in Public Management and Policy with a minimum 3.3 GPA.

Students typically apply for the program their junior year and if accepted take 12 graduate credits their senior year. They spend their fifth year completing the remaining 24 MPA units, including an internship during the summer.