

# Master of Public Administration

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A Master's degree in Public Administration is intended to equip students with the knowledge and skills required of successful public servants, non-profit workers, and private sector employees working towards the public good. The program will foster an environment of analysis and critique, while formulating solutions to issues addressed by public servants across all areas of nonprofit, volunteer, private business, and government service.

## Program Availability

The courses are offered on a trimester calendar and during the summer at the Jersey City Campus.

## Degree Requirements

The degree requires 36 semester hour credits. A capstone course is required and will be taken the final semester of coursework. The purpose of the capstone project is to identify, research, and develop a plan of action to address a community problem. Students' findings and recommendations will be shared through a formal presentation and research paper.

## Advisement

Saint Peter's University assigns an academic advisor to every candidate. Upon consultation with the Director, students may take up to three classes in Education, Communications, Health Sciences, or Business in order to further develop an area of interest or professional experience.

## Time Limitation

Students are expected to enroll continuously until their programs are completed. Students are required to maintain satisfactory academic progress by maintaining the required grade point average and accumulating sufficient credits within the stipulated time frame of five years. By federal regulation, F-1 International students must enroll as full-time students, so their time to completion will be considerably shorter.

## Curriculum - Master of Public Administration

Students in the Masters in Public Administration program take classes with their cohort so that they have the opportunity to develop relationships while learning and growing with their peers. The 36 credit program focuses on the skills and knowledge needed for professionals in the field of Public Administration.

### Level I

PA-501	Intro to Public Administration & Service	3
PA-500	Executive Communication	3
PA-555	Public Policy	3
PA-520	Research and Analytic Methods	3
PA-530	Public Sector Finance and Budget	3
PA-510	Ethics and Society	3

### Level II

PA-550	Quantitative Methods for Public Admin	3
PA-560	Community Organizing and Development	3
PA-535	Political Economy	3
PA-570	Managing Information Technology	3
PA-580	Capstone Project	3
PA-540	Management and Conflict Resolution	3

Total Credits

36