

## Message from the MPA Director

The MPA program is designed to prepare students for a career of public service. Students will be exposed to the essential components of public service professionalism excellence in technique, ethics and leadership—to help meet the challenges in the years ahead. Our award-winning, student-oriented faculty is dedicated to helping you achieve this “professional edge” in small, stimulating seminars, convenient evening courses, modern facilities and we have an excellent record in placing graduates.

It is an ideal time to have a master’s of public administration with the impending retirement of tens of thousands of civil servants and the explosive growth of outsourcing of government work to nonprofit and private organizations. These changes have created a demand from all sectors for students who want to “make an impact” and who have the skills that come with an MPA. It is important to know how to manage people, money and technology regardless of the setting in which you work .

Our faculty and staff will assist you with course selection, advising and career counseling and give priority to your intellectual growth and development. I invite you to apply to the UM MPA program. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Professor Jonathan P. West  
MPA Director

## Our Faculty Has Rich Scholarly Credentials and Practical Experience

- Highly qualified, award-winning, student-oriented instructors.
- Over 130 years of combined experience in teaching public administration.
- History of working abroad and with international students.
- Nationally and internationally recognized publications, including books published in multiple editions and hundreds of scholarly articles and book chapters.
- Extensive educational and administrative experience in academia, military, civil service, elective office, nonprofit organizations, and business.



*“Through my studies in the Master of Public Administration degree I have been able to really develop a phenomenal understanding of both the legislative process, the federal role-making process and also the intricacies and logistics of running a government agency or NGO. And with that educational foundation—that will enable me to have a wide variety of options.”*

Brendan Corrigan



## Positions Held by UM MPA Alumni

- Senior Advisor, Cyber-security, Strategic Management, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Energy Trader, Morgan Stanley, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Leadership Analyst, Central Intelligence Agency
- Deputy Representative, PAN Party, State of Campeche, Mexico
- Foundation Relations Officer, Rochester Institute of Technology
- Political Analyst, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
- Member, Miami-Dade County School Board
- Leadership Analyst, Central Intelligence Agency
- Development Specialist, Children’s Home Society of Florida
- Health Care Analyst, Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Chief of Police, Miami-Dade Police Department
- Deputy Mayor, Miami-Dade County
- Member, U.S. House of Representatives
- College Liaison, China National Knowledge Infrastructure
- Process Improvement Specialist, Cleveland Clinic



Miami Metropolitan and International Capital

## Applying to the UM MPA Program takes 5 Easy Steps:

- Go to <https://www.applyweb.com/miamigrd/index.html> and fill out the electronic application.
- Take the GRE or GMAT and have an official score report sent (ETS school code: 5815, no departmental code needed; If taking the GMAT- send official paper report to address below). Scores must be less than 5 years old.
- Submit current resume
- Need 2 recommendations to be sent electronically (see application site information).
- Have your current school, and any previous post-high school institution where you received credit, send your official transcript to our address at:

University of Miami  
Department of Political Science  
MPA Program  
1300 Campo Sano Avenue  
Coral Gables, Florida 33146

### Application Deadlines:

#### SPRING

- International: November 1st
- Domestic: December 1st

#### FALL

- International: June 1st
- Domestic: July 15th

### If International student, also please:

- Take the TOEFL or IELTS and have an official score report sent.
- Please note that other documentation will need to be submitted for Visa processing (*more information at : <http://www.miami.edu/sa/index.php/liss/prospectiveinternationalstudents/visaentry/#apply>*)

For additional MPA Program information contact:

[mpa.program@miami.edu](mailto:mpa.program@miami.edu)

For finance information please visit the Graduate School site: <http://www.miami.edu/gs/index.php/graduate-school/costsandfinancialaid/>



Master of Public Administration

# Department of Political Science Masters of Public Administration Program



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# The Masters of Public Administration

Program seeks to provide the highest quality graduate education for current and prospective officials in all three arenas of public service: government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private vendors. The program strives to achieve local, state, national and international prominence through a contemporary curriculum, innovative instruction, scholarly and applied research, and service to key stakeholders. Program activities are designed to develop and enhance technical, ethical, and leadership competencies.

The MPA degree provides career opportunities in local, state and federal government, as well as the nonprofit and private sectors. Many of our MPA graduates have decided to stay in South Florida filling leadership positions in all sectors. Much of this experience now serves the MPA program in the form of internships and enhanced employment opportunities. There is a growing demand in South Florida and elsewhere for skills developed in the MPA program such as: budgeting, manpower management, program planning, health care, and even international management. Graduates of the POL department and MPA program at UM now occupy numerous leadership positions in local, state, national, and international government and in the other sectors.

## MPA Core Faculty



**Jonathan P. West** earned his Ph.D. and M.A. in Political Science from Northwestern University and his B.S. in Political Science from the University of Utah. He is the Chair of Political Science and Director of the Masters of Public Administration program at the University of Miami. For 35 years he has directed UM's graduate MPA program, for 21 years as Chair of Political Science.



**Michael E. Milakovich** (Ph.D. Indiana; B.A. UC- Santa Barbara) specializes in: public management and productivity improvement, business-government relations, administration of justice, and healthcare management.



**Arthur M. Simon** holds business and laws degrees from the University of Miami (B.B.A. & J.D.) and advanced degrees in public administration from Harvard University (M.P.A.) and Florida State University (Ph.D.).



**Richard A. Brumback** (Ph.D. in Public Administration, Florida State University; M.P.A. and M.A., Florida Atlantic University) is a practitioner and academic in Public Administration.



**Jennifer M. Connolly** (Ph.D. in Public Management and Policy, University of Southern California; B.A. in Political Science and Journalism, Elon University, Magna Cum Laude) specializes in public management, political analysis and government-business-society relations.



**Cole D. Taratoot** (Ph.D. in Political Science, Georgia State University; M.P.A. and B.S. in Political Science, University of West Georgia) specializes in administrative law and quantitative and research methods for public administrators.

## UM's Master of Public Administration Curriculum

**36-48 credits** at graduate level, depending on high-level managerial experience and academic preparation (transfer credits).

Required core courses totaling 30 credits (10 courses)

Course No.	Description	Credits
POL 622	Intro to Graduate Public Administration	3
POL 601	Budget and Financial Mgt & Admin.	3
POL 610	Political Analysis	3
POL 647	Personnel Administration	3
POL 606	Seminar in Administration	3
POL 646	Public Policy Analysis and Administration	3
POL 671	Political Environment of Business	3
POL 651	Productivity Improvement in Public and Nonprofit Organizations	3
POL 656	Public Service Internship	6

The next 18 credits (6 courses) are areas in which the student may specialize with prior approval from the MPA Director.

Course No.	Description	Credits
POL 624	Non-Profit Organizations: Law, Policy and Management	3
POL 626	Administrative Law	3
POL 654	Political Ethics: The Dynamic Dilemmas Of Contemporary Leadership	3
POL 652	Total Quality Public Service Management: Achieving High Performance Government	3
POL 657	Ethical Issues in Government, Business and Nonprofit organizations	3
POL 658	From Electronic Government to Digital Governance	3
POL 619	Game Theory	3
POL 696	Administering Global Governance	3
POL 696	Issues in Judicial Politics	3
POL 696	Diversity and Equity in Public Administration	3
POL 696	Contested Issues in Public Administration, Public Management and Public Policy	3

*NOTE: other courses can be substituted for these with prior approval from the MPA Director.*

## Some Facts About the UM MPA Program

- Integral part of U.M. for 36 years.
- Prepares students with managerial and leadership skills to assume responsible roles in public service.
- Provides top level graduate education for current and prospective officials in all three arenas of public service: Government, Nonprofit, and Private.
- Offers activities designed to develop and enhance technical, ethical, and leadership competencies through a dynamic and evolving curriculum, innovative instruction, scholarly and applied research, and service learning.
- Teaches the latest advancements in political science.
- Award winning, student-oriented faculty devoted to serving our students and contributing to the social scientific community.
- Member of the National Associations of School of Public Affairs and Administration.
- Evening classes, convenient to those who work full time.
- Wise selection of courses in public and nonprofit service, as well as interesting electives.
- Curriculum designed to develop management and policy skills, technical competencies, and public service values.
- Courses offer domestic and International perspective.
- Small Classes.
- Five year bachelor's/master's option.
- Combined MPA/MPH (Master of Public Health) option.
- Combined MPA/JD (Juris Doctorate) option.
- Great record in placing graduates



To learn more, visit us at [www.as.miami.edu/mpa/](http://www.as.miami.edu/mpa/)

*"... I recommend (the UM MPA program) for the working professional because most of the courses took place in the afternoon and in the evening ..."*



Panagiotis Tryphonopoulos



*"The MPA program did allow me to facilitate my exposure to new ideas. Not only are you learning a lot from seasoned professors who have been doing this for work and who know a lot about what they teach, but you are also in a classroom filled with students from diverse backgrounds who have diverse experiences, and you get learn a little bit from every single person."*

Vanessa Joseph

*"I also learned... how to communicate... the personal skills and organizational administration. I recommend this program for students — international or domestic."*



Yishan Liu

