

A photograph of the University of Miami's main building, a grand neoclassical structure with a large dome and columns, set against a blue sky with clouds. The building is surrounded by greenery, including palm trees and large trees with Spanish moss.

UNIVERSITY
OF MIAMI



Master's Degrees in
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
& PUBLIC POLICY

PREPARING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY.

THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

is home to two graduate programs designed to provide students with core skills necessary to become leaders, managers, and policy-makers in all aspects of public service: the Master of Public Administration (MPA) and Master of Public Policy (MPP).



Which degree is for me?

Master of Public Administration (MPA)

Designed to prepare students for a career in 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. The MPA program provides the highest quality graduate education for its students in all three areas of public service: government agencies, nonprofit organizations and private vendors.

**The MPA is available both in person and fully online.*



2

YEARS TO
COMPLETE

Master of Public Policy (MPP)

Provides students with core skills in economics, policy analysis, and ethics. The MPP stresses the research, analysis and evaluation of various public issues to develop effective policy solutions. Synthesize your college education, volunteer work, and professional experiences into a leadership career where you can “make a difference” in government agencies, nonprofits, and the international and private sectors.



**FULLY-ONLINE
MPA OPTION**

**Visit
uonline.miami.edu**



The MPA & MPP *Programs*

The University of Miami's Department of Political Science hosts two professional master's degree options for students considering a career in leadership, public service, and community change—the Master of Public Administration and Master of Public Policy.

Both degrees are student-oriented, with diverse faculty from a variety of academic and industry backgrounds, including government and non-profit organizations. MPA students are exposed to the essential components of public service professionalism—excellence in technique, ethics and leadership—to help meet the challenges in the years ahead.

The MPP program explores the impactful subfields of policy, as well as the role of economic factors in public decision making, resource allocation, and decision-making. Course-work focuses on the research, analysis and evaluation of various public issues (e.g., social, global, economic, health) needed to develop effective policy solutions.

Our faculty are dedicated to helping you achieve a professional edge in small, stimulating seminars, convenient evening courses, and an excellent record in placing graduates.



ACCELERATED **MPA**

The **Master of Public Administration (MPA)** program typically takes two years to complete. However, current UM undergrads with relevant undergrad course work in political science and/or public administration may be eligible to complete the MPA in as little as **36 credits**. Students who choose this five-year, two degree option can earn up to **12 graduate credits** during their senior year as an undergraduate. The remaining graduate credits may be earned through full-time study in one year. With only one additional year of work, the accelerated MPA program at the University of Miami is a financially competitive alternative to other two-year MPA programs.



Internships

MPA and MPP students have completed internships with the following prestigious organizations:

- > American Red Cross
- > UNICEF
- > Miami-Dade County
- > United States Southern Command
- > U.S. State Department
- > U.S. Department of Transportation
- > Presidential Management Fellows Program
- > City of Coral Gables
- > City of Miami



"The UM MPA program was an eye-opening experience to the world of public service. I am grateful for the outstanding faculty that take the time to mentor and explain the content of their courses beyond the classroom. The range of technical, theoretical, and ethical course offerings has prepared me for any role in the field of public administration. I would highly encourage anyone interested in pursuing a career in public service to consider the UM MPA program!"

ADRIAN NUÑEZ

CLASS OF 2021, ACCELERATED MPA GRADUATE
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

MIAMI FAST FACTS

MIAMI RANKS:

#2 

in fastest growing economy
among large U.S. cities

#1 

in startup activity and
small business growth

#1 

in tech job growth

#2 

in international banking

MIAMI HAS THE

2nd
LARGEST



**CONCENTRATION OF
HEALTH CARE FACILITIES
IN THE COUNTRY**

**THE PORT OF MIAMI IS THE 10TH BUSIEST
PORT IN THE U.S., CONTRIBUTING TO**



\$43 BILLION
ANNUALLY
TO FLORIDA'S
ECONOMY



AVERAGE
TEMPERATURE
IN MIAMI

75°F





"Embarking on my journey through the MPA/MPH program was very enlightening for my future career in health care administration. While I started my background in public health through my undergraduate education, adding in the education and experience I gained through the MPA degree course greatly increased knowledge on the operations of administration in the public realm and on my ambition to work within the health care sphere in a management position."

AROHI PATEL

CLASS OF 2021, DUAL MPA/MPH GRADUATE
HEALTHCARE GRANTS MANAGER



DUAL DEGREES

The MPA program offers four dual degree options:

- **MPA/Master of Public Health (MPH)** offered jointly with the Miller School of Medicine
- **MPA/Master of Arts on International Administration** offered jointly with the College of Arts & Science's MAIA program
- **MPA/Master of Science in Criminology & Criminal Justice** offered jointly with the Department of Sociology & Criminology
- **MPA/Juris Doctorate (JD)** offer jointly with the School of Law.

Most dual degree programs take 2.5 to 3 years, depending on the students' plan of study.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International applicants to the the MPA and MPP programs must take the **Graduate Record Exam (GRE)** and either the **Test Of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)** or the **International English Language Testing System (IELTS)** if their primary language is not English or if their undergraduate degree was earned outside the United States.

For the TOEFL, a score of **550** is required for the paper-based test; a score of **80** is required for the internet-based test. The MPA also accepts a score of **6.5** on the IELTS.



Certificate Options

Certificates in both **Public Administration** and **Public Policy** are available for students who may not meet the admissions requirements or are not ready to commit to the full degree. Current students in the MPA may earn a Certificate in Public Policy or vice-versa. Additionally, MPA and MPP students may pursue certificates in **Geospatial Technology** (GIS) or **Security Management**, for those who wish to add an emergency preparedness credential to their portfolio.



CORE FACULTY

Marcia Beck

Ph.D., Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

Cali Curley

*Program Director
Ph.D., Florida State University,
Askew School of Public
Administration and Policy*

Xue Gao

*Ph.D., LBJ School of Public
Affairs, University of Texas at
Austin*

Nicole Humphrey

Ph.D., University of Kansas

Namhoon Ki

*Ph.D., Florida State University,
Askew School of Public
Administration and Policy*

Arthur Simon

*Ph.D., Florida State University,
Askew School of Public
Administration and Policy*

Michael Touchton

Ph.D., University of Colorado

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
COLLEGE of
ARTS & SCIENCES



Department of Political Science
1300 Campo Sano Avenue
Coral Gables, FL 33146
mpa.program@miami.edu
305-284-2500

mpa.as.miami.edu
mpp.as.miami.edu