

Master of Public Administration Program Fact Sheet

Degree Title: Master of Public Administration

Organizational Relationship between Program and University: The Master of Public Administration program is part of the Department of Political Science located within the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Rhode Island.

Modes of Delivery: We offer our program as a fully asynchronous online mode of delivery.

Number of Credit Hours: 36

Length of Degree: Time to completion varies by student. Students completing one course per 7-week session can expect to graduate in two years. Students completing two courses per 7-week session can expect to graduate in one year.

List of Specializations: The MPA program offers 12 credit certificates in Public Administration and Policy, Policy Analysis, and Public Management. These certificates may be completed concurrent with the MPA program and within the 36-credit hour requirement.

Number of Students: 55

Mission Statement (Adopted Spring 2015; Revised May 2022): Our mission is to impart public service values and knowledge so that graduates are prepared to enrich our communities by leading, managing, and solving public service-related problems with empathy, integrity, and excellence.

Number of Faculty Teaching in Program: 6

Program Faculty Identified Including Credentials:

<https://web.uri.edu/online/programs/graduate/master-of-public-administration/faculty/>

Tuition Cost: Tuition for the MPA program is the same whether you are an in-state or out-of-state student at \$856/credit

Description of Financial Aid Availability: Financial Aid information for the MPA program can be found at <https://web.uri.edu/financial-aid/>. The MPA program does not currently offer graduate assistantships.

Admission Criteria: The MPA program is open to students of all educational and professional backgrounds. A four-year college degree is required for admission into the

program. Applicants to the MPA program are asked to submit two letters of recommendation, a resume, and a personal statement that describes the applicant's professional aspirations for a career in public service or how a graduate degree will further career advancement. Applicants admitted to the MPA program typically have at least a 3.0 undergraduate GPA. Applicants with below a 3.0 GPA are given consideration for admission when having at least five years of professional experience. No GRE is required.

Distribution of Placement of Graduates from the Summer 2021, Fall 2021, and Spring 2022 cohorts:

<i>Employment Statistics</i>	
National or central government in the same country as the program	1
State, provincial, or regional government in the same country as the program	5
City, County, or other local government in the same country as the program	4
Foreign government (all levels) or international quasi-governmental	0
Nonprofit domestic-oriented	8
Nonprofit/NGOs internationally-oriented	0
Private Sector - Research/Consulting	2
Private Sector but not research/ consulting	0
Military Service	1
Obtaining further education	0
Unemployed seeking employment	0
Unemployed not seeking employment	0
Status Unknown	2
Total Number of Graduates	23

Internship Placement List for Summer 2022, Fall 2022, and Spring 2023:

Rhode Island Secretary of State
 State of Rhode Island Internship Program (2)
 City of Cranston Planning Department
 Community College of Rhode Island Division of Workforce Partnerships
 Town of Barrington Planning Department
 Rhode Island Attorney General's Office
 Town of Westerly Planning Department

Completion Rate (percentage of Summer 2017, Fall 2017, and Spring 2018 cohorts graduating within 2 years and 4 years):

<i>Graduated within 2 years</i>	<i>Graduated within 3 years</i>	<i>Graduated within 4 years</i>
66%	78%	89%