URI 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: 103

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 full-time faculty members; 3 part-time faculty members.

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 $918/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 professional experience. No GRE is required.

Distribution of Placement of Graduates from the Summer 2024, Fall 2024, and Spring 2025 cohorts:

Employment Statistics	
National or central government in the same country as the program	1
State, provincial, or regional government in the same country as the program	16
City, County, or other local government in the same country as the program	5
Foreign government (all levels) or international quasi-governmental	0
Nonprofit domestic-oriented	8
Nonprofit/NGOs internationally-oriented	0
Private Sector - Research/Consulting	0
Private Sector but not research/ consulting	7
Military Service	0
Obtaining further education	0
Unemployed seeking employment	0
Unemployed not seeking employment	0
Status Unknown	1
Total Number of Graduates	38

Internship Placement List for Fall 2025, Spring 2026, and Summer 2026:

David Morales Providence Mayoral Campaign
US Representative Seth Magaziner
State of Rhode Island Internship Program
Rhode Island Survey Initiative

Completion Rate (percentage of Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Summer 2021 cohorts graduating within 2 years and 4 years):

Graduated within 2 years	Graduated within 3 years	Graduated within 4 years
58%	67%	67%