

CSUDH

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS



MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

**Preparing public leaders
for positive change.**

**Shape
the future.
Starting with
your own.**



Join a
prestigious
group of
professionals
that are
contributing
to the success
of vital
organizations.

You are looking to make a difference in your organization, community and the world. For that, you'll need the right combination of knowledge, experiences and skills. The Master of Public Administration Program at CSU Dominguez Hills offers a multidisciplinary and practical education designed to prepare you to be an effective public leader enacting positive change.

A respected program that produces effective public leaders.

Launched in 1973, CSUDH's MPA Program was the first of its kind in southern California to earn accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). Since then, we have helped develop multiple generations of public leaders who are actively shaping public policy. As an MPA graduate, you'll join the ranks of these leaders making a meaningful difference in our communities.

Flexible options that fit you.

A respected program, the MPA at CSUDH is also a flexible one. To help you reach your goals while accommodating your busy life, CSUDH offers two paths to your MPA degree: Our traditional on-campus MPA Program and our interactive online MPA Program. Both options offer convenient classes and formats that work around your schedule and needs.

Start your degree now.

You're ready to begin leading change now. CSUDH's on-campus and online MPA Programs can be completed in as little as two years, allowing you to reach your goals.

In-demand skills.

The MPA Program at CSUDH emphasizes the multidisciplinary skills needed to excel in the public sector or in a doctoral program. You'll emerge well prepared to find consensus among diverse groups of people, build and support teams, communicate effectively and solve problems through critical thinking.

Specialized learning. Outstanding faculty.

CSUDH's MPA Program offers a choice of four concentrations that allow you to delve deeper into specific disciplines within public administration. You'll expand and hone your knowledge while pursuing the topics that matter most to you and your goals.

Outstanding faculty.

Engaging, interactive and small, MPA classes are led by faculty who bring the highest level of academic achievement and research as well as practical management experience in the public arena. Whether you choose the on-campus or online MPA Program, you'll be part of a personalized, supportive and collaborative learning environment.



Set yourself apart.

**Choose the path
that works for you.**



Your MPA is an investment in your professional development and your future. Choosing the right MPA Program is an important decision. CSUDH makes that decision easier, with flexible MPA Programs designed to meet a variety of needs, schedules and goals.

On Campus MPA Program

Classroom learning for professional advancement

If you're seeking a traditional classroom learning experience, CSUDH's on-campus MPA Program offers a convenient option for working professionals. Our on-campus MPA Program follows the University's academic calendar with courses offered in the evening and Saturdays. Students will be taking courses year round in their first year and Spring and Fall semesters in final years of study.

Students in our on-campus MPA Program enjoy a number of benefits, including:

Central campus location.

CSUDH is located in the epicenter of LA's thriving South Bay, home to a number of leading nonprofit organizations as well as public entities. The campus is conveniently close to major freeways and public transportation, with downtown Los Angeles just a short drive away.

Flexible schedules.

Our on-campus program offers convenient scheduling for the working adult. Courses meet twice per week, one evening and one Saturday morning, allowing you to balance your work and personal obligations.

Small, collaborative classrooms.

MPA on-campus courses are led by outstanding faculty. Small class sizes ensure ample personal interaction with faculty mentors for individualized instruction. Engaging class formats combine lectures, case study analysis, research, guest speakers and project-based learning that provide exposure to a range of teaching styles and practical experiences with real-world applications.

Unique internship opportunities.

Students in our on-campus MPA Program are encouraged to pursue internships in the summer months. Students can even receive academic credit in supervised internships within the public sector. Internships provide invaluable experience that set you apart.

Variety of concentration courses.

As an on-campus MPA student, a wide range of topics are designed to equip you with specialized knowledge in Public Management.



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On your
schedule.**

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programs, then
call us at
(310) 243-3646
to discuss your
options and
find the right
fit for you.

Online MPA Program

**Advantages of CSUDH's
online MPA Program include:**

Affordable excellence.

CSUDH's highly respected online MPA Program can be completed for less than half the national average of MPA degree programs. Financial aid is available for MPA students to help you reach your professional goals.

Interactive learning.

Online courses include a high level of regular interaction between students and faculty. You'll have access to your faculty members as well as fellow students through a wide range of channels including online group discussions, video conferencing and email.

Convenient and comprehensive.

Our online MPA courses start and end on a set date, but allow you to complete coursework on your own schedule. Online courses cover the same comprehensive curriculum and rigorous instruction as our on-campus program, without requiring you to physically attend a set class at a specific time. Allowing you the flexibility and freedom to learn anywhere, anytime.

Choice of concentrations.

Online MPA students have the option to select from one of four concentrations that provide a more in-depth study of key issues related to public administration. These include:

- **Public Management**

A general viewpoint on a wide array of public policy issues and organizational perspective in the public sector.

- **Criminal Justice Policy and Administration***

Expand your understanding of administrative law and policy analysis, police administration and ethics, homeland security and terrorism.

- **Healthcare Policy and Administration***

Learn how to effectively lead healthcare organizations with a greater comprehension of legal issues and healthcare policy, the public healthcare system and healthcare financial management.

- **Nonprofit Management***

Cover important topics in the nonprofit and voluntary sector, including leadership and management, fundraising and fund development.

*Specialized concentrations are only available in the online 8-week format.

“The online MPA with a focus in Healthcare Administration and Policy allowed me to pursue my educational goals while maintaining my career responsibilities. Supported by faculty who are readily accessible via email or video conferencing, it allowed for a virtual yet interactive learning experience. The faculty deliver the information to make learning easier and fun. The support and resources available across campus also helped ease my journey through the program. I am now proud to say I am a multi-degree holder from CSUDH!”

— German Sanchez, Class of 2019

Quick Comparison

On Campus vs Online MPA Programs

	On-Campus MPA	Online MPA
Semesters/ sessions offered per academic year	2 semesters (spring and fall)	8-Week Program 3 sessions – each session has two 8-week terms
Class schedule	Evening and Saturday	Asynchronous – no set time for class attendance
Format	In a physical classroom located on the CSUDH	Online
Course load	Typically 2 courses per semester	1 course per term, 2 terms per session
Coursework	Lectures, case study, analysis, research, guest speakers, projects	Video presentations and lectures, case study analysis, projects, discussion boards, and groupwork
Faculty/student interaction	In classroom and during office hours	Group online discussions, video conferences, NetMeetings, emails
Time to program completion*	3 years/ 7 sessions	2 years, 4 months/ 7 sessions

*Includes taking courses in the summer semesters/sessions

Application Deadlines

Please note that all spring semesters start in January.
Deadline dates listed are in the prior calendar year.

On-Campus MPA

The on-campus MPA Program accepts new students only in the fall semester.

October 1 - July 1

Applications open

July 1

Application & materials/
documents deadline

Online MPA

8-Week Program

The 8-week online MPA Program accepts new students for both fall and spring semesters.

Fall

October 1 - July 1

Applications open

July 1

Application & materials/documents
deadline

Spring

August 1 - November 1

Applications open

November 1

Application & materials/documents
deadline

*The MPA program department recommends submitting your completed application 1 month prior to the application deadline, as admission is on a first qualified, first admitted basis.



Questions? Contact us.

The MPA Program at CSUDH welcomes your questions and inquiries. Let's start a conversation about your success. Contact us at **(310) 243-3646** or **mpaonline@csudh.edu**.



**Advance your career.
Apply for the MPA Program.**

Take your professional career to the next level.

And take the next steps to apply for
CSUDH's on-campus or online MPA Program.

Admission Requirements

Those applying to the MPA program must meet CSUDH admissions requirements for graduate applicants as well as the MPA admissions requirements set by the College of Business Administration & Public Policy.

Minimum Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to CSUDH's on-campus or online MPA Program, you must:

- Hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Be in good standing at the last institution attended.
- Have an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) upper division units or 2.75 cumulative grade point average.
- Have taken a college-level math course equivalent to one that meets the university's General Education Reasoning Requirement in CSUDH's Academic Catalog, preferably with a grade of "B" or higher.



“The Master of Public Administration program at CSU Dominguez Hills uses insightful curriculum that challenges and rewards students with an enriched passion for public service and the confidence to lead others.

An MPA from CSUDH will not only help you excel professionally, it will transform the way you interact with your environment and critically assess social and economic issues. This program has helped me identify the link between policy and law, and has prepared me for a career in law post degree completion. I cannot say enough about how thankful I am to be part of the CSUDH-MPA community.”

— Elizabeth Vicencio, Class of 2020



How to Apply

- 1) Apply online at **CalState.edu/Apply**. Choose your format: campus, online Public Management, or Cal State Online (Specialized Concentrations).
 - Prompt can be found on MPA website under “How to Apply.”
 - Statement and resume/C.V. can be submitted directly with your online application or to the MPA program at **mpaonline@csudh.edu** as Word or PDF files.
- 2) Pay the nonrefundable **\$70** application fee.
- 3) Have your official transcripts* sent directly from all colleges you have attended to: **CSU Dominguez Hills**
Office of Admissions & Records
1000 E. Victoria Street, Carson, CA 90747
Electronic transcripts are preferred — send to admissions@csudh.edu.
**Applicants graduated from CSUDH as an undergraduate need not submit transcripts.*
- 4) Submit 1-2 page personal statement.
- 5) Submit professional resume or C.V. – include specific dates of employment.

MPA On Campus Schedule

16 Week *(Subject to Change)*

Semester	Course 1	Course 2
YEAR 1		
Fall 1	PUB 500 Environment and Practice of Public Administration	PUB 501 Public Management
Spring 1	PUB 502 Administration Theory and Behavior	PUB 503 Research Methods in Public Administration
Summer 1	PUB 508 Public Human Resource Management	PUB 520, 524, 527, 528, 595 or other electives Concentration Course
YEAR 2		
Fall 2	PUB 504 Quantitative Methods in Public Administration I	PUB 510 Public Financial Management
Spring 2	PUB 505 Quantitative Methods in Public Administration II	PUB 522 Concentration Course
YEAR 3		
Fall 3	PUB 506 Administration and Public Policy	PUB 526 Concentration Course
Spring 3	PUB 512 Foundations of Ethical Administration	PUB 592 Capstone

Schedules above are only a suggestion and subject to change.



MPA Online Schedule

8 Week (Subject to Change)

The 8-week format is a cohorted schedule and students must take the courses as scheduled to complete their degree in the time expected.

Semester	Term 1	Term 2
YEAR 1		
Fall	PUB 500 Environment and Practice of Public Administration	PUB 501 Public Management
Spring	PUB 503 Research Methods in Public Administration	PUB 502 Administrative Theory and Behavior
Summer	PUB 508 Public Human Resource Resource Management	Concentration Course PUB 580, CJA 563, or PUB 570
YEAR 2		
Fall	PUB 512 Foundations of Ethical Administration	Concentration Course PUB 584, CJA 566, or PUB 572
Spring	PUB 510 Public Budgeting	Elective PUB 582, CIA 565, or PUB 574
Summer	PUB 504 Quantitative Methods in Public Administration I	PUB 505 Quantitative Methods in Public Administration II
YEAR 3		
Fall	PUB 506 Administration and Public Policy	PUB 592 Capstone: Integrative Seminar

The **Spring Roadmap** is available at csudh.edu/mpa



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