

Preparing **public leaders**
for **positive change.**

CSUDH

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS



MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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

You're 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.

Join the ranks of **a prestigious** group of **professionals contributing** to the **success of vital organizations**.

Set yourself apart.



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.

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.

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 two flexible MPA Programs designed to meet a variety of needs, schedules and goals.

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

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 spring and fall semesters.



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 evening courses that meet two nights a week, 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 have the opportunity to participate in supervised internships in the areas of public administration or nonprofit organizations. Internships provide invaluable experience that set you apart.

Variety of electives.

As an on-campus MPA student, a wide range of electives are available that equip you with specialized knowledge in areas of:

- Public Management
- Criminal Justice Policy and Administration
- Healthcare Policy and Administration
- Nonprofit Management

Online MPA Program

Your degree. On your schedule.

CSUDH's 100% online MPA programs offer the advantages of distance learning to professionals who are located far from campus, or who want the flexibility of choosing when to complete their courses. Fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and NASPAA, our online MPA Program offers the rigorous curriculum and expert instruction of our traditional on-campus MPA Program, available right from your home, office, or any internet accessible location.



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.





On-campus vs online programs

Quick Comparison

	On-Campus MPA	Online MPA 8-week courses	Online MPA 12-week courses
Semesters/ sessions offered per academic year	2 semesters (spring and fall)	3 sessions - each session has two 8-week terms	4 sessions (spring, summer, fall 1, fall 2) - each session is 12 weeks
Class schedule	2 evenings per week, 7:00 - 9:45 p.m.	Asynchronous - no set time for class attendance	Asynchronous - no set time for class attendance
Format	In a physical classroom located on the CSUDH campus	Online	Online
Course load	Typically 2 courses per semester	1 course per term, 2 terms per session	Typically 2 courses per session taken concurrently
Coursework	Lectures, case study analysis, research, guest speakers, projects	Video presentations and lectures, case study analysis, projects, discussion boards, and groupwork	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	Group online discussions, video conferences, NetMeetings, emails
Time to program completion	3 years/6 semesters	2 years 16 weeks	2 years

Application Deadlines

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

8-Week Online MPA Program

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

Fall

October 1 to June 1 Applications open
June 1 Application deadline
July 1 Materials deadline

Spring

August 1 to October 1 Applications open
October 1 Application deadline
November 1 Materials deadline

12-Week Online MPA Program

The online MPA Program accepts new students **only** in the fall semester (fall 1 in July and fall 2 in September).

Fall

October 1 to June 1 Applications open
April 1 Fall 1 application deadline
May 1 Fall 1 materials deadline
June 1 Fall 2 application deadline
July 1 Fall 2 materials deadline

On-Campus MPA Program

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

October 1 to June 1 Applications open
June 1 Application deadline
July 1 Materials deadline

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.

Prerequisite Requirements

Students can satisfy the program prerequisites by completing the online Bridge Courses offered through the MPA program with a grade of "B" or higher. The Bridge Course are:

- **PUB 495 Fundamentals of Public Administration (2)**. Analysis of the role of public administration within the American political system and the concordant functions and responsibilities of public sector and administrators; discussion of administrative ethics; overview of public sector administrative and managerial processes.
- **PUB 495 Applied Statistics in Public Administration (2)**. **Prospective students must have taken this course within three years of the first semester of starting the MPA program.** Role and application of statistical analysis in public management; review of mathematics and statistical functions; use of statistics in planning and decision-making functions; introduction to the uses and application of computer technology.
- **PUB 495 Fundamentals of Financial Resource Administration (2)**. Research administrative and political considerations of fiscal policy, the budgetary process and fiscal controls, financial management and planning, government and the economy, intergovernmental fiscal relations and nature of grants-in-aid, alternate revenue sources, and contemporary issues.

Students may also take the equivalent undergraduate courses at CSUDH. The following courses, with a grade of “B” or higher, will satisfy the prerequisite requirements:

- **PUB 300, PUB 303, PUB 304 or MGT 310** will satisfy the introduction to public administration requirement.
- **PUB 302** will satisfy the financial resource administration requirement.
- **PUB 305 or CJA 341** will satisfy the statistics requirement.

Students may choose to take the equivalent undergraduate courses at another institution. Applicants who wish to take prerequisites at another institution or other courses at CSUDH that are not specifically listed should have the course evaluated by the department prior to enrolling. Please refer to the Course Catalog for these undergraduate course descriptions.

How to Apply

- 1) Apply online at CalState.edu/Apply. Choose your format - campus, online Public Management, or Cal State Online (Specialized Concentrations)
- 2) Pay the nonrefundable \$55 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 admit@csudh.edu.

4. Submit 1-2 page personal statement - prompt can be found on MPA website under “How to Apply.”
5. Submit professional resume or C.V. - include specific dates of employment.

Statement and resume/C.V. should be submitted directly to the MPA program at MPAOnline@csudh.edu as Word or PDF documents.

Questions?

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For additional information please contact the MPA Program at CSUDH:

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