

Texas Southern University

Master of Public Administration (Quick Facts)

Mission Statement:

The MPA program's mission is to educate students about public administration's history, competencies, quantitative, and other relevant skills needed by public administrators to become skilled and productive public and nonprofit employees or doctoral candidates. The MPA program uses its curriculum to prepare students to compete ethically and with integrity in a diverse society. In addition, students acquire practical skills through internships.

Organizational relationship between program and university:

- The Master of Public Administration is a program within the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs (SOPA). SOPA is 1 of 7 Colleges/Schools at Texas Southern University

Modes of Program Delivery: In-Person with some online courses (synchronous/asynchronous)

Number of Credit Hours: 36 credit hours

Length of Degree: 4 semesters (full-time, excluding Summer) or 6 semesters (part-time, excluding Summer)

List of Dual Degrees: MPA/JD

The Dual MPA/JD Program is a combined degree program with Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law. This program enables students to acquire both a JD and an MPA degree with a reduction in the total credit hours. Students complete course requirements for two degrees in four (4) years instead of five (5) years if pursued separately.

MPA 4+1: In addition, the MPA program offers several MPA 4+1 programs for those undergraduate students who know, that upon entering their freshman or sophomore year, they plan to get a Master of Public Administration Degree, the MPA 4+1 is designed for you. The MPA 4+1 allows you to earn a BS (in select fields listed below) and an MPA in five years. That is right with the addition of one year you earn a BS and an MPA. The 4+1 degree-seek areas are: Public Affairs, Political Science, Emergency Management

List of Specializations: Public Policy, Human Resources, Health Administration, Urban Planning and Environmental Policy

Number of Faculty Teaching in the Program: 6

- Antoinette Christophe, Ph.D. in Public Policy
- Andrew Ewoh, Ph.D. in Political Economy,
- Sarmistha Majumdar, Ph.D. in Public Administration
- Gautam Nayer, Ph.D. in Public Administration
- Oluponmile Olonilua, Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Environmental Policy
- Robert Williams, Ph.D. in Political Science

Tuition Costs:

Full-time [9 credit hours] – \$3,784.69 (in-state) and \$6,979.69 (out-of-state)

Part-time [6 credit hours] – \$2,646.46 (in-state) and \$4,776.46 (out-of-state)

Financial Aid: The Office of Student Financial Assistance makes every effort to ensure that all awards and materials submitted remain confidential in accordance with the Buckley Family Right to Privacy Act of 1975. Eligible applicants for financial aid must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and officially admitted into Texas Southern University through the Graduate Admissions Office. To maintain eligibility for consideration for financial aid, students must meet the standards set forth in Texas Southern University's policy on Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). There are three facets of the individual student record that determine financial aid eligibility: credit hours, grades, and time frame. Refer to the current Graduate Catalog for more information.

Admissions Criteria:

The Department seeks highly motivated, high-achieving oriented students who have a strong interest in pursuing a public service career. Prospective students must first apply for admission to the Graduate School. Applicants are then referred to the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs for acceptance.

In addition to meeting the general requirements for admission to the Graduate School applicants for admission to graduate standing in the MPA Program must submit:

1. The Texas Southern University Graduate School Application and a non-refundable application fee;
2. A typed essay, 250-300 words, which states career objectives and gives reasons for desiring admission to the program;
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals qualified to give an evaluation of the applicants past scholastic performance, research, ability for advanced work in public administration (if any), and person motivation;

4. Two (2) copies of official transcripts from each college and graduate institution attended. Applicant's undergraduate cumulative GPA must be at least 2.70 or 3.0 in the final 60 hours; and
5. The MPA program uses Public Administration: Theory and Practice (PAD 500) as a measure of English proficiency. This requires students to earn a grade of B or better in PAD 500. Students that do not earn a grade of B or better, need to take English 501 - Graduate Professional Writing.

Internship Placement:

- The American Red Cross
- Black United Funds of Texas (BUFTX)
- Barbara Jordan Leadership Institute
- Houston Police Department
- Harris County Public Works
- Texas Metropolitan Organization (TMO)