

Online Master of Public Administration

Public Leadership. Positive Change.



Program Goals:

Educate students to be compassionate and effective leaders who humanely manage public organizations

Prepare students to initiate and facilitate interactions among government, for-profit, and nonprofit sectors to provide ethical and workable solutions to societal needs

Create a collaborative environment of excellence in instruction, research, and service

Translate research into effective practices and achievable, humane policies

Prepare students to determine, collect, and analyze the evidence appropriate and essential for implementing public service strategies

Accreditation

The University of San Francisco Online Master of Public Administration program is accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA). The University of San Francisco is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Ranking

U.S. News & World Report ranked The University of San Francisco among the Best Public Affairs Programs for 2017.

The University of San Francisco's Online Master of Public Administration program prepares the 21st-century professional to create innovative strategies that meet public service needs. This 100% online program delivers a focused examination of the essential areas of public administration, preparing you for effective leadership through analysis of organizational and management theory coupled with hands-on, experiential learning.

Course Name	Credit Hours
Foundation Courses (12 Credits)	
Public Administration as a Field and Practice in Contemporary Society	3
Leadership Ethics	3
Quantitative Methods	3
Management and Organization Theory	3
Core Courses (24 Credits)	
Public Policy Analysis	3
Human Resource Planning and Management	3
Economics and Finance for Public Managers	3
Strategic Management of Public Communication	3
Public Sector Budgeting	3
Emerging Technologies for Public Managers	3
Strategic Planning and Implementation	3
Program and Policy Evaluation	3
Capstone Course (3 Credits)	
Integrative Seminar in Public Management	3
Total Credit Hours:	39

Program Structure

- Asynchronous, 100% online program
- 39 credit-hour program with thirteen 3-credit hour courses
- Two 8-week courses (6 credit hours) per term
- Program completion in 6 terms (2 years)
- Convenient Fall, Spring, and Summer term starts

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- 3.0 GPA preferred
- Two letters of recommendation
- Current résumé
- Two years of professional work experience
- Statement of purpose



Learning Outcomes:

Demonstrate leadership behavior through the application of organizational and managerial theories

Identify and discuss the role of public leaders in recognizing and instituting the principles of democratic governance in public and community-based organizations

Identify and describe differences among the vision, values, and goals in the public, nonprofit, and private sectors; discuss practical and ethical implications of these differences; discuss the disparate impacts for the most vulnerable

Correctly and effectively recognize changes in workforce and community populations; determine appropriate communication modes and content

Describe superior performance of a diverse workforce and its contribution to managerial action and institutional supports

Assess and modify public service based on cultural competency and citizen feedback

Develop and apply the critical and analytical thinking skills necessary for effective, informed, and balanced policy analysis

Interpret research and report findings on diverse cultural and historical perspectives; correctly identify limitations and constraints; effectively communicate with elected officials, administrators, issue advocates, and the population at large

What Sets Our Program Apart?

Meeting the challenges of ongoing government reform, changing economic conditions, fluctuating public opinion, and shifting partisan pressures has become the new normal in providing adequate and equitable public service. Because what worked in the past may not necessarily work in today's environment of constant change, public administrators need an even stronger ability to think critically and creatively to solve issues while effectively managing resources.

Education Based on Jesuit Values

Our program is based on the Jesuit principles of promoting justice, instilling leadership in service, and pursuing diversity.

Interdisciplinary Nature

This program is designed to prepare you for the changing landscape of public administration, giving you the confidence to make sound and ethical decisions.

Solid Curriculum

Our curriculum focuses on management planning, teamwork, networking, analyzing and interpreting policy, and communication skills.

Supportive Faculty

Our faculty take a hands-on approach to create and promote an emerging curriculum that is challenging, practical, and progressive.

Emphasis on Experiential Learning

The unique cohort approach encourages you to interact with your fellow students and learn from others in your field. By exploring relevant case studies and real-life scenarios, you'll learn how to analyze real-world public administration issues and gain tools and skills you can immediately begin applying in your current work.

Enroll in the online Master of Public Administration program at the University of San Francisco and become a catalyst for change and an advocate for social justice.

For more information, contact an Enrollment Advisor at **866-665-4178**
or visit **onlinempadegree.usfca.edu**.

Regulations for Online Degree Program: USF is not currently accepting applications from online students who reside in Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oregon, and Wisconsin. Note, however, that residents in these states may apply for enrollment in any USF courses or programs offered at any campus location. For questions, please contact the Accreditation & Compliance Office at **1-415-422-4304**.