

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, MPA

Overview

Mission

The Tulane SoPA John Lewis Public Administration program prepares forward-thinking, responsive, and ethical public service professionals to effectively lead within a diverse and ever-changing civic sector.

Our Vision & Identity

Known as the “Conscience of Congress,” Congressman John Lewis dedicated his life and career to advancing social justice. His transformative work as an activist, civil rights, and political leader embodied the values that guide our mission and work.

We are Community-Responsive, Results-Driven, and Impact-Focused. The Tulane SoPA John Lewis Public Administration program offers applied, dynamic, interdisciplinary coursework that continuously integrates up-to-date practice strategies to meet the demands of the diverse sectors which work for the public interest, including government, nonprofits, philanthropy, and corporate settings. Our MPA program actively supports service learning, civic sector workforce development and the career advancement of professionals working in fields connected to public service.

The MPA includes a 3-day residency where students will be exposed to experiential learning, collaboration, and networking with peers, program faculty and other individuals working in civic sector careers.

Requirements

All courses in the MPA program are delivered online. The MPA degree is awarded following the successful completion of 12 graduate courses (36 credit hours), including six core courses, five electives (which may be earned through a graduate certificate or in an area of concentration), and one capstone course. MPAD 6000 serves as the first course in sequence for MPA students. However MPAD 6000 is not required for the program certificate students. MPA students must also complete a residency in New Orleans.

The MPA consists of seven core courses—including a required capstone—plus five elective courses. Students in the MPA program must begin their course sequence with MPAD 6000.

Core Requirements:

Course ID	Title	Credits
MPAD 6000	Public Policy Foundations	3
MPAD 6100	Technology and Civic Sector Leadership	3
MPAD 6110	Data-Informed Leadership, Management, and Decision-Making	3
MPAD 6120	Public Organizational Leadership, Cross-Sector Partnerships, and Stakeholder Engagement	3
MPAD 6130	Budgeting and Financial Management	3
MPAD 6140	Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Public Service	3
MPAD 7900	MPA Capstone	3

Electives:

As part of their electives, students may choose to take at least four courses from one of four graduate certificates or from the areas of concentration. Students who complete all of the requirements for the graduate certificates may apply those credits toward the master’s degree.

General Elective

Course ID	Title	Credits
MPAD 7800	Law & Public Administration	3

Option One—Equity-Centered Education Leadership Graduate Certificate

Course ID	Title	Credits
EDUC 6100	Reimagining and Leading Equitable Education Systems for the Future (Currently cross-listed with MPAD 7120)	3
EDUC 6120	Leading Learning (Currently cross-listed with MPAD 7130)	3
EDUC 6150	An Introduction to Education Finance and Budgeting: Implications for Strategy, Equity, and Change (Currently cross-listed with MPAD 7110)	3

Choose one course from the following:

EDUC 6110	Educational Leadership & Policy for Changemakers (Currently cross-listed with MPAD 7100)	3
EDUC 6140	Managing Effective Equity-Centered Educational Organizations	3
EDUC 6160	Engaging Family and Community Stakeholders	3
EDUC 6180	Driving Change and Transformation for Impact	3

Option Two—Nonprofit and Strategic Philanthropy Management Graduate Certificate

Course ID	Title	Credits
MPAD 7200	Nonprofits, Philanthropy, and the Civic Sector	3
MPAD 7210	Evaluation and Outcomes Management	3
MPAD 7220	Organizational Sustainability, Leadership, and Governance	3
MPAD 7230	Financial Management, Resource Development, and Capacity Building	3
MPAD 7240	Foundations of Strategic Philanthropy	3

Option Three—Economic Development Graduate Certificate

Course ID	Title	Credits
MPAD 7300	Elements of Economic Development	3
MPAD 7310	Economic Development Challenges and Civic Resilience	3
MPAD 7320	Economic Development and Urban Transformation	3
MPAD 7330	Social Equity and Economic Development	3

Option Four—Environmental Management and Resilience Graduate Certificate

Course ID	Title	Credits
MPAD 7400	Environmental Policy	3
MPAD 7410	Environmental Challenges and Civic Resilience	3
MPAD 7420	The Role of Data in Environmental Decisions	3
MPAD 7430	Social Equity and Environmental Management	3

Option Five—Emergency Management Concentration

Course ID	Title	Credits
ESSC 6001	Introduction to Emergency Management	3
ESSC 6009	Emergency Planning	3
ESSC 6016	Leadership in Emergency and Security Management	3
Choose one		3
ESSC 6007	Health and Medical Issues in Emergency Management	
ESSC 6008	Risk Management and Threat Assessment	
ESSC 6010	Disaster Communications	
ESSC 6011	Emergency Management Administration	
ESSC 6013	Business Continuity	