

# Public Administration, M.P.A. - Continuing & Global Education

## DEPARTMENT

MN in Political Science, Minor  
BA in Political Science, B.A.  
MN in Public Administration, Minor  
MPA in Public Administration, M.P.A. - Continuing & Global Education  
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## REQUIREMENTS

Department of Political Science

### Master of Public Administration (MPA)

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) program in the Department of Political Science at California State University, Fresno is nationally accredited through NASPAA (Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration).

In partnership with the Division of Continuing and Global Education, the courses will be offered at the California State University, Fresno Visalia Campus at the College of Sequoias located at the following address:

Fresno State Visalia Campus  
1945 W. Meadow Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

**Mission Statement:** Working within both the general vision and mission of the California State University, Fresno, the MPA program provides educational opportunities in the area of public and nonprofit administration to those individuals seeking to improve the human condition via public service.

The MPA program prepares individuals to develop competencies that will allow them to effectively serve the public interest.

The MPA program prepares students to gain expertise in public and/or nonprofit management; to educate both elected officials and citizens about public policy tradeoffs; and to facilitate an understanding among diverse perspectives on a given policy issue.

The MPA program provides educational opportunities for individuals to have analytical and critical thinking skills; to appreciate and engage in ethical decision making; and to have the ability to communicate effectively.

**Current Design of the MPA Program:** The program is 36 credit-hours. Core or required courses constitute 18 of these credit-hours. Three additional credit-hours are selected from a group of courses. The remaining 15 credit-hours consist of program electives that are selected by the student in consultation with the program director.

### Core Courses:

Quantitative Applications  
Administration and Society  
Public Organization Behavior & Dynamics  
Public Budgeting  
Human Resources Management  
Public Policy Administration

### Program Electives\* Include:

State and Local Government  
Ethics and Public Administration  
Grant Writing  
Program Evaluation

\*Choice of electives depends on preferences of student, expertise of faculty, and availability of courses.

**MPA Program Faculty:** Instruction is provided in the program by the following California State University, Fresno faculty members: Dr. Lisa Bryant, Dr. Kurt Cline, Dr. Kathryn Forbes, Dr. Kenneth Hansen, Dr. Thomas Holyoke

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See also Continuing and Global Education.

## FACULTY

Our full-time faculty are experts in their fields and hold doctoral degrees and/or law degrees. Prolific researchers, they have published numerous articles and books, and often bring to their courses prior practical experience from their work in government, the private sector, and nonprofit organizations.

Courses typically provide a mixture of lecture and class discussion and encourage the expression of a variety of viewpoints. Our faculty are dedicated to working closely with students to engage them in learning about politics and advise them throughout their college careers.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.

The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.