



## MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Public administration is a field that requires professionals to analyze situations and create solutions for contemporary and prospective challenges society has to deal with. The Master of Public Administration offers educational opportunities to students who want to tackle problems faced by their community, or can work towards solutions for global issues, such as HIV, poverty, and situations that plague underdeveloped nations. The program is leading to the degree of Master of Public Administration (MPA) that is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The most common degree to work at government entities, nonprofit organizations, or private public administration companies is the Masters of Public Administration degree. There are many exciting career paths in public administration such as fed career, civil service, education administrators, administrative services managers, public administration consultant, executive director, program analyst, and many more.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission into the MPA program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Be admitted to the Graduate School
- ✓ Have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning;
- ✓ Have a minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.70, preferably a 3.00
- ✓ Have submitted a GRE score of 700. \* The department will take the sum total of the GRE's verbal and quantitative scores to determine an applicant's score.
- ✓ Submit three letters of recommendation from academic and professional sources;
- ✓ Submit a TOEFL score of 525 for international students.
- ✓ Statement of Purpose: Submit an essay on professional career objectives, which should include why the applicant has chosen Public Administration

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Each student, based on the chosen area of concentration and under the guidance of a faculty advisor shall develop a program of study. The Department offers the following concentrations: generalist, public policy, health services administration, public finance and non-profit management. All MPA students are required to complete the following: 27 hours of core classes; 12 hours of concentration classes; 3 hours of electives, depending upon the concentration selected; 6 hours of research or thesis, 3 hours of internship and 3 hours of writing seminar. Students may be required to show mastery of research writing. Students may be required to show substantial public service experience for exemption from the internship as required by the internship director.

### GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

The Department offers graduate assistantships for eligible students who show outstanding potential. These working assistantships are competitively awarded typically for an academic year and are based on availability of funds.

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### THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

For more detailed information, please refer to the Southern University Graduate School website:

<http://www.subr.edu/page/1567>

