PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION - ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT (MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)

The mission of Jacksonville State University's MPA Program is to provide a diverse student population with the knowledge and core competencies to become effective public administrators. Through the use of a standardized public administration curriculum and interdisciplinary cooperation, our program is able to prepare students for leadership roles in a variety of public and non-profit organizations. Utilizing traditional classroom and online formats, our program is able to provide quality graduate education that promotes the values and ideals of public service to all students.

Application Deadlines

Applications are accepted year-round.

Application Materials Required for the MPA with a Concentration in Administrative Management

Applicants for the MPA must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions to be considered for admission:

Graduate Admissions
Jacksonville State University
700 Pelham Road North
Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Apply/Account/Login/).
2. Non-refundable $35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from the baccalaureate degree awarding institution and **all** transcripts from institutions where post-baccalaureate work has been completed. To be considered for admission, applicants must hold a degree from an institutionally accredited institution or its foreign equivalent. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. A statement of purpose/interest that shows why the MPA degree is important to the applicant, what the applicant will bring to the program, and how the degree will benefit the applicant's career aspirations.
5. A professional resume, including academic history, employment, and voluntary/community work. Applicants with at least one year of full-time (or two years of part-time) administrative experience working for a federal, state, or local government, or a nonprofit organization, must include this experience on their resumes. Applicants should also provide a letter of reference from the federal, state, or local government agency or nonprofit organization. This letter must be on agency letterhead stating the job title, dates of employment, and nature of administrative experience and responsibilities.
6. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants (https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/admission/international-student-applicants/) section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

Admission Requirements for the MPA with a Concentration in Administrative Management

A particular undergraduate major is not specified for admission to this program.

Unconditional Admission

Applicants with an undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher from a regionally accredited institution may be unconditionally admitted.

Conditional Admission

- Applicants with an undergraduate GPA of 2.50 to 2.99 from a regionally accredited institution may be conditionally admitted.
- Any applicant failing to meet the requirement for unconditional admission may be conditionally admitted with the recommendation of the graduate faculty in the applicant's major.

Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.

Minimum Requirements for the MPA with a Concentration in Administrative Management

An overall 3.00 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.00.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Public Administration Courses		
PA 5100	Foundations of Public Administration	3
PA 5501	Public Policy Process and Analysis	3
PA 5702	Research Methods in Public Administration	3
PA 5504	Leadership and Ethics in the Public Sector	3
PA 5531	HR Management in the Public Sector	3
PA 5532	Budgeting and Finance in the Public Sector	3
PA 5540	Public Organizational Theory	3
PA 5980	Capstone Project in Public Administration	3
Administrative Management Concentration Courses		
BA 5501	Organizational Communication	3
MGT 5504	Business Organization and Administration	3
Select six semester hours of coursework from the following:		6
BA 5530	Business Analytics	
MGT 5424	Strategies in Entrepreneurship	
MGT 5530	Contemporary Issues in Management	
5000-level BA/MGT Course upon approval by MPA Program Director and concentration advisor. [1]		
Total Hours		**36**

36 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

[1] The remaining Administrative Management required course, as noted above, will be selected from any of the School of Business and Industry classes for which the student has met all prerequisites. This will be determined for each student based on interaction with their Administrative Management concentration advisor.

Graduation and Capstone Project

A Capstone Project is required for this degree; the Capstone Project is a 3-hour credit course taken during the last semester of coursework. Please contact the graduate advisor for full details. All students must apply for graduation (http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html) by the given deadline of the semester (http://www.jsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/) in which they plan to graduate. Please see the Graduation and Comprehensive Exam (https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-comprehensive-exam/) section of this catalog for more information.