

# PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, MPA

**Dr. Bryan Robinson, Director**

BryanRobinson@clayton.edu

## Mission and Goals

The mission of the MPA program is to prepare students to be ethical and effective leaders in public, governmental, and non-profit agencies. Students will develop skills in human resource management, ethical decision making, local government administration and finance, and organizational management. Students can choose electives that focus on general administration and policy to develop additional skills like policy analysis, program evaluation and leadership. Alternatively, students can choose the criminal justice electives to develop skills applicable to the administration of justice in law enforcement, correctional, or judicial agencies.

### Learning Outcomes

All graduates of the program will be able to:

- Explain relevant issues that face public administrators using knowledge and fundamental concepts of the practice of public administration.
- Evaluate the ethical implications of decisions made by public administrators' decisions.
- Analyze public policy, public programs, and/or public services using critical thinking skills.
- Apply financial knowledge to make economically sound and ethical decisions in the public interest.
- Demonstrate the decision-making skills necessary for leadership in the public sector.

## Additional Admission Requirements:

- A minimum GPA of 2.5 from a regionally accredited post-secondary institution verified by official transcripts.
- A statement of purpose.
- Two academic/professional letters of reference.
- Curriculum Vita/Resume.
- For applicants with an undergraduate GPA between 2.5 and 2.99, a GRE score of 300 or higher may be required.

## Requirements

### Public Administration, MPA

In order to earn a MPA degree, students must complete a minimum of 36 semester hours of coursework with a minimum grade point average of 3.0. At least 26 of these credits must be taken at Clayton State University.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Master of Public Administration Required Courses</b>		<b>18</b>
POLS 5010	Public Administration	
POLS 5050	Research Methods & App Stats	

POLS 5210	Ethics in Public Admin.
POLS 6060	Public Admin HR Management
POLS 6230	Local Govt Admin & Finance
POLS 6250	Org. Theory and Management

### Capstone Experience **3**

Choose one from the following. (Students should complete an internship unless they currently have full-time employment in the field.)<sup>1</sup>

POLS 6940	Internship in Public Admin
POLS 6980	Project in Public Admin

### Electives

Choose electives from the following: **15**

POLS graduate level (5000 or 6000 level) courses	
CRJU graduate level (5000 or 6000 level) courses	
Approved graduate level (5000 or 6000 level) courses	

**Total Credit Hours **36****

<sup>1</sup> Students working full-time in the public or non-profit sector may choose to complete POLS 6980 Project in Public Admin in place of the internship. Students should consult with the MPA program director to obtain approval prior to the semester the course is taken.

## Faculty

Bruce Blair  
Christie Burton  
Jason Davis  
Lisa Holland-Davis  
Antoinette France-Harris  
Andrea Allen-Jacques  
Bryan LaBrecque  
Joshua Meddaugh  
Leah Pieper  
Bryan Robinson  
Kayla Stanford