

**California State University, Northridge**

**Master in Public Administration**

**Duration:** This program requires class attendance one night a week for a total of two years

**Costs:** Tuition \$370 per unit

**Units:** 36 units. Courses are designed in Leadership and Management track of the MPA program. This 36-unit program is ideal for people with varied objectives and backgrounds (including business or healthcare administration, finance, human resources, public safety, or social welfare) who need professional development in order to carry out their current or desired managerial administrative responsibilities.

**Estimated Courses:** 11 courses plus a comprehensive exam for a total of 12 classes

**Core Courses (5 required) – 3 units each**

- MPA 610 Seminar in Public Administration and Its Environment
- MPA 620 Research Methods for Public Administration
- MPA 644 Public Budgeting and Financial Administration
- MPA 650 Seminar in Public Policy Process
- Comprehensive Exam required
- MPA 697S Comprehensive Examination

**Specialty tracks – students must choose an area of specialty from the tracks listed below**

- Public Sector Management and Leadership – choose 6. This track consists of eleven elective courses of which MPA 623A is required**
- MPA 623A Seminar in Effective Public Sector Management
  - MPA 623B Approaches and Methods in Program Evaluation
  - MPA 623D Human Resources and the Basics of Competencies Measurement in Government
  - MPA 622A Program Evaluation
  - MPA 632A Organizational Leadership
  - MPA 632B Strategic Management
  - MPA 632C Communication in Public Organizations
  - MPA 640 Public Policy Analysis
  - MPA 642A Ethics and Professionalism
  - MPA 642B Public Sector Labor Relations
  - MPA 643 Public Human Resources Management

**Non profit Sector Management Track - choose 6. This track consists of eight elective courses of which MPA 632D is required**

- MPA 632D Overview of Non-Profit Organizational Management
- MPA 632E Strategic Planning, Needs, Assessment and Program Design
- MPA 632F issues and Publics in Human Resources, Board and Volunteer Management in non-profits
- MPA 632G Non-Profit Finance and of Financial Management

**Upper Division General Education (15 units)**

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MPA 632H Funding and Resource  
Development for Non Profit Organizations  
MPA 632I Program Implementation and  
Management for Non-Profit Services  
MPA 640 Public Policy Analysis  
MPA 642A Ethics and Professionalism

***Public Policy Analysis and Management  
Track – choose 6. This track consists of  
eight electives courses of which MPA  
640 is required***

MPA 612A Intergovernmental Relations  
MPA 622A Policy Implementation and  
Program Evaluation  
MPA 623A Seminar in Effective Public  
Sector Management  
MPA 623B Approaches and Methods in  
Program Evaluation  
MPA 632B Strategic Management  
MPA 640 Public Policy Analysis  
MPA 642A Ethics and Professionalism  
MPA 642D Community and Economic  
Development

***Performance Management and  
Productivity in the Public Sector –  
choose 6. This track consists of eight  
electives course of which MPA 623A is  
required***

MPA 623A Seminar in Effective Public  
Sector Management  
MPA 623B Approaches and Methods in  
Program Evaluation  
MPA 623C Performance Reporting  
Measures in Government  
MPA 623D Human Resources and the  
Basics of Competencies Measurement in  
Government  
MPA 623E Performance Budgeting in the  
Public Sector  
MPA 632B Strategic Management  
MPA 632C Communications in Public  
Organizations  
MPA 640 Public Policy Analysis