Northern Kentucky University - MPA Degree with Homeland Security and Emergency Management Concentration

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) is an applied 39 credit hour degree designed to prepare students for careers in public service and public management. Classes are small, permitting faculty to personalize instruction and allowing students to develop interpersonal, technical, and quantitative skills necessary for competitive employment in the public and related sectors, including government agencies, hospitals, universities, and other nonprofit organizations. It is accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA), the only accredited MPA program in the Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati region.

The MPA program takes approximately two-and-a-half years with students enrolling in six credit hours per semester in the fall, spring and summer semesters. Students can accelerate this pace by attending full-time (9+ hours per semester), or students can slow that pace to three years or longer by not enrolling in summer sessions.

Objectives for the Homeland Security and Emergency Management area of concentration within the MPA include: (1) Increasing awareness of the different types of terrorism, their causes and prevention; (2) Understanding the workings of the Homeland Security division of our government and its different infrastructure; and (3) Understanding the four phases of emergency management and how each phase is developed at the national, state and local levels. These four phases are mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery for man-made and natural disasters.

MPA students can earn both the degree and an Emergency Management graduate certificate in 42 credit hours by taking one additional course in the MPA program.

The MPA program requires 39 credit hours - 27 core credit hours and 12 area of concentration credit hours.

**MPA Core Courses (required) (27 credit hours)**
- PAD 500 Foundations of Public Administration (3 credit hours)
- PAD 501 Human Resource Management (3 credit hours)
- PAD 511 Budgeting Techniques and Applications (3 credit hours)
- PAD 602 Organizational Behavior and Theory (3 credit hours)
- PAD 603 Public Policy Analysis (3 credit hours)
- PAD 612 Administrative Law (3 credit hours)
- PAD 615 Research Methods Public Administration (3 credit hours)
- PAD 616 Data Analysis (3 credit hours)
- PAD 793 Public Administration Capstone (3 credit hours)

**HS and EM Area of Concentration Core Courses (required) (9 credit hours)**
- PAD 681 Homeland Security Administration (3 credit hours)
- PAD 682 Emergency Management (3 credit hours)
- PAD 683 Terrorism (3 credit hours)
Elective Course Options (3 credit hours)
PAD 550 Geographic Information Systems (4 credit hours)
PAD 551 Geographic Information Analysis (3 credit hours)
PAD 622 Volunteer Management (3 credit hours)
PAD 630 Ethics and Decision Making in the Public Sector (3 credit hours)
PAD 631 Leading in Diverse Public Environments (3 credit hours)
PAD 632 Executive Management & Public Leadership (3 credit hours)
PAD 675 Local Government Management (3 credit hours)
PAD 694 Topics: Public Administration (3 credit hours)
PAD 696 Internship: Public Administration (3 credit hours)

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