

## **University of New Orleans – Master of Public Administration Program with Specialization in Hazard Policy**

The University of New Orleans, College of Liberal Arts, Education and Human Performance offers a specialization in hazard policy within the Master of Public Administration program in the Department of Political Science. This specialization focuses on the evolution of U.S. disaster policy and the practice of emergency management, with particular attention to the roles of local governments and nonprofit agencies in disaster management. It examines the major policy issues, including the utility of the “all-hazard” or comprehensive model of emergency management, the role of the military in disaster operations, state and local capacity building, and the design and implementation of hazard mitigation policies and programs. Lessons are drawn from the special problems presented by hazards ranging from critical infrastructure protection to biological terrorism. The hazard policy specialization consists of three courses included within the MPA program (which has a total of 14 total courses/42 credit hours) see <http://poli.uno.edu/MPA/> for courses and details.

The program consists of 42 hours (14 courses). There are nine required courses (27 hours); and three elective courses (9 hours). Full time students take three classes a semester (fall and spring). The program can be completed in two and a half years with continuous full-time enrollment. If a student elects to enroll part-time, the program can be completed in three to four years, depending upon how many courses are taken per semester and whether the student takes classes in the summer.

### Overview

- 42 total hours needed to complete the degree (excluding deficiencies or prerequisites)
  - 27 hours of required courses
  - 9 hours of electives in Hazard Policy
  - 6 hours of thesis research and a thesis, or 6 hours of capstone courses and a final project.
- All masters students must include at least 15 hours of courses numbered 6000 or above in their programs of study.

### Required Courses (27 hrs):

PADM 6001	Research Methods in Public Administration
PADM 6010	The Profession of Public Administration
POLI 5170	The Politics of Public Policy
PADM 6110	Public Budgeting
PADM 6160	Law and Ethics in Public Administration
URBN 6165	Urban Public Policy Analysis
AADM 6221	Grant Writing
PADM 6410	Technology in Public Organizations
PADM 6201	Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation
Final Project	This is an applied project completed in conjunction with a public service job or internship while enrolled in PADM 6901 and 6902 MPA Capstone I & II (3 hrs each).

Electives (9 hrs):

Demand is growing for people with the ability to assess and plan for emergencies. The MPA with specialization in Hazard Policy provides you the opportunity to learn from experienced practitioners so you can put the skills you learn to use in the real-world.

PADM 6130 US Disaster Policy & Administration (core required) 3

Two additional courses from:

URBN 5150 Planning for Hazards 3

SOC 5875 Sociology of Disasters 3

GEOG 5805 Fundamentals of Mapping and GIS 3

MURP 6030 Social Policy Planning 3Joint

Juris Doctorate Degree

We offer a joint JD (law degree) with the School of Law at Loyola University New Orleans.

The University of New Orleans is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The MPA program is professionally accredited by The Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA).

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