

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) program, accredited by the Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration (CAPPA), is designed to prepare students for careers in public administration and policy work in diverse areas such as non-government organizations, industry associations, and the public service.



▶▶ MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MPA)

Accredited by the Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration, the Johnson Shoyama Master of Public Administration (MPA) program exposes students to core concepts in policy formation and analysis, and provides students with a competency-based education required for a career in the public service or non-profit sector. Through the MPA, students gain valuable experience and knowledge in:

- > Management, Governance and Leadership
- > Communication and Social Skills
- > System Thinking and Creative Analysis
- > Public Policy Formation and Community Engagement
- > Continuous Evaluation and Improvement
- > Policy Knowledge

During the program, students have an opportunity to explore substantive areas such as social policy, health policy, innovation policy, immigration policy, resource and environmental policy, and public sector management.

This combination of theory, application and research ensures that our graduates have the ability to:

1. inspire support for a vision or course of action and successfully direct the teams, processes, and changes required to accomplish it;
2. analyze and contribute content to at least one applied policy field;
3. identify key issues and problems, analyze them systematically, and reach sound, innovative conclusions;
4. understand how organizational and public policies are formulated, their impact on public policy and management and how to influence their development;
5. communicate effectively and build enduring, trust-based interpersonal, professional relationships; and are
6. committed to on-going evaluation for continuous organizational and personal improvement.

Did You Know?

- > The MPA can be completed in 16 months, but can also be extended beyond that.
- > The school delivers courses in regular, video-conferenced, block and online formats.
- > There is lots of opportunity to enhance your graduate experience by participating in the executive internship program, internal and national policy case competitions, and in the annual poster competition.
- > The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School (JSGS) is the only policy school in Canada with four externally funded research chairs. Together these faculty have generated a substantial and enviable record of published work.
- > The JSGS is home to nine Executives-in-Residence, all former senior public servants, who co-teach some of the graduate and executive education classes.
- > Across Canada and internationally, JSGS alumni are employed as assistant deputy ministers, executive directors, managers, chief of staff, analysts and consultants in government and non-government agencies.



"As I researched various graduate programs, what really struck me was the diversity and breadth of interesting courses offered through the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School. Knowing that as an MPA student, I could access this wealth of knowledge was really appealing to me," says Delorme. "Through my program, I strengthened the tools and knowledge that I'll need to succeed in future projects – whether focused on the community, urban development or on nation building. I strongly believe that increasing First Nations capacity for self-determination, sustained community and economic development is imperative for the future of Saskatchewan."

CADMUS DELORME, CHIEF, COWESSESS FIRST NATION; MPA ALUMNUS, UNIVERSITY OF REGINA CAMPUS



"With a desire to build strong communities, the MPA has provided me with a better grasp of policy development, governance and the public service. It has allowed me to build on my understanding of the complexities of populations. The combination of theoretical content and practical application has also equipped me with a toolset to evaluate and understand some of the most pressing issues of today. I feel prepared to build citizen-focused policy solutions because of the breadth and depth of core competencies developed through the MPA curriculum. I'm happy with the doors this program has opened."

EVERY VOLD, MPA STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN CAMPUS

Program Curriculum

MPA students are required to complete 36 credit units, consisting of eleven core courses, two elective courses, and one to two non-credit courses (depending on their home institution).

Core courses:

- > **JSGS 801** - Governance and Administration
- > **JSGS 802** - Public Finance
- > **JSGS 805** - Economics for Public Policy Analysis
- > **JSGS 806** - Public Policy Analysis
- > **JSGS 807** - Statistics for Public Managers
- > **JSGS 808** - Ethical Leadership and Democracy in Public Service
- > **JSGS 838** - Public Sector Financial Management
- > **JSGS 880** - Advanced Governance Analysis
- > **JSGS 882** - Strategic Management in the Public Sector
- > **JSGS 883** - Essentials for Public Policy and Administration (1 week block course in September)
- > **JSGS 884** - Professional Planning (Submission and presentation of a professional portfolio at the end of the MPA program)

Elective courses:

The two remaining elective courses must be selected from the courses offered by the school and can be taken at either campus. For all courses taken, the rules and regulations of the university through which the course is taken will apply to the student. For a complete list of courses, please visit www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca.

Non-credit, required courses:

Students at the University of Saskatchewan campus must also complete:

- > **JSGS 990** - Public Policy Seminar Series (continuous registration required)

- > **GPS 960** - GPS 960 Introduction to Ethics and Integrity (taken in the first term of study)

Students at the University of Regina campus must also complete:

- > **GRST 800AA** - Academic Integrity Tutorial (taken in the first term of study)

Please note that the MPA program is subject to revision at any time. For the most current information on the program, please visit our website.

Executive Internship Program

The JSGS offers MPA students the opportunity to enhance their post-graduate work with a paid, 8-month internship in the federal or provincial public service, municipal or local governments, or non-governmental organizations. Program benefits include: initial internship placement, valuable career preparation and experience, remuneration, the development of an extensive professional network, as well as accelerated professional growth and advancement.

The executive internship program is optional for students, and those wishing to participate undergo a competitive application process.

Since 2007, JSGS has placed 250 students in executive internship positions in Saskatchewan and Ontario. Of those, 87% of transitioned to full-time employment with their mentors.

Making an Impact: In 2012, JSGS students launched a student-managed consulting group (Policy Shop) that provides pro bono policy research and advice to non-profit and charitable organizations.

Application Qualifications

Applicants to the MPA program must have completed a four-year undergraduate degree in any area with a cumulative average of at least 75%.

Admission to the MPA program is very competitive. The number of applications received greatly exceeds the number of available places and not all qualified applicants will be offered admission (i.e., successful candidates will typically have an average in excess of 75% [or upper second class]). Typically 25-30 students are admitted each year per campus.

Additional Information

Students will enter the program from a wide variety of disciplines - including everything from the fine arts to the humanities to the social sciences to the physical sciences to professional college disciplines. While it is not necessary, some knowledge of economics, statistics and social science is generally an advantage.

Application Deadlines

All students accepted into the MPA program begin in September. There are two application deadlines: January 15 and May 1.

Tuition

Tuition for the 36-credit MPA program is approximately \$15,766, plus graduate fees and an international surcharge (if applicable). Please note, tuition and fees are subject to change.

Funding

The school offers at least ten scholarships (minimum five awarded at each campus) for MPA applicants. All complete applications received by January 15 will be considered for funding. Complete applications received by May 1 will be considered if any funding remains.

For more information regarding this program, including courses, prerequisites and tuition, please visit www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca.