

MASTERS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

MPA

CANADA'S ONLY MPA PROGRAM FOCUSED EXCLUSIVELY ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT



ABOUT THE MPA PROGRAM

Western's Masters of Public Administration (MPA) is designed for mid-career local government administrators who wish to further their public management skills, as well as for future professionals looking to enter the field. Our Part-Time students are usually administrators in municipal government, but some are employed by separate boards, provincial ministries, not-for-profit organizations or in the private sector. Our Full-Time students usually come directly from undergraduate degrees in the social sciences. The resulting student mix creates a unique classroom environment that combines the energy of fresh academic minds with the experience of working professionals. The MPA is Canada's only public administration program with a local focus. MPA courses offer specialized education in local administration and policy analysis, thoroughly preparing our students for the challenges of modern community, urban and regional governance and administration.





ADVANTAGES OF A MPA EDUCATION

Offering high-quality academic and practical training, the MPA is an accredited graduate program at one of Canada's leading Universities. While in the program, students enjoy the benefits of being members of the Western community, with full access to Western's extensive academic and non-academic resources. Graduates of the program are invited to participate in Western's Convocation Ceremony, and become Alumni of The University of Western Ontario.

The MPA has been offered annually since 1990. Our program's Alumni Society includes many of Canada's senior municipal officials, and is one of Western's most active alumni associations. The annual Alumni Conference is an academic and networking event not to be missed.

AFFORDABLE PROGRAM COSTS

The MPA program is a fully regulated university-level masters program. This means that MPA tuition rates are among the lowest available at Western (and its comparator institutions). This makes the program an exceptionally affordable option for personal and professional development.

Tuition & Fees:

Full Time Student: \$2500 per term (3 terms to finish)

Part-Time Student: \$1100 per term (approx. 7-10 terms to finish)

Textbooks: \$125-\$250 per course

Tuition and Fees are payable upon receipt of a fee bill. The Board of Governors reserves the right to amend fees after the printing of this brochure so please check our website for current rates.

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AN ACCOMMODATING SCHEDULE:

The unique course schedule offered in Western's MPA makes the program highly accessible to students working full time in demanding careers. Many courses are taught in week-end and week-long formats in order to maximize accessibility to those working full-time. Please visit our website for a full list of the course schedules.

REASONABLE CLASS SIZES:

Classes generally comprise no more than 30 students, allowing ample opportunity for class discussion and individual attention. The intensive learning environment is a strength of the program, and the professional contacts and friendships formed during the MPA experience are one of the program's lasting benefits.

PROGRESSION

To receive the Masters of Public Administration, students must receive a grade of at least 60% in each of the courses and an overall average of at least 70%.

APPLICATIONS

Applications are usually due in mid January for a summer or fall term start. Full-Time students always start in September; Part-Time student can start in either May or September. Current application fees, forms and instructions can be found on our website.



"The Western MPA Program was a definite asset to my professional career as a local government manager."

Jeff Celentano, M.P.A.,
CAO/CLERK
MUNICIPALITY OF CALLANDER

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“The MPA program has been an essential and critical piece of my personal development. The program offers very strategic insight into policy development, governance structure and principled strategic decision making. This program is a must for anyone striving for senior leadership in public service.”

Dan Mathieson, M.P.A

MAYOR, CITY OF STRATFORD
CHAIR, MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT
CORPORATION

“Completing the MPA program was an amazing experience. It was very applicable to my day to day work. It brought theory together with practical experiences. It opened new opportunities for my career growth. I would certainly recommend the program to prospective students.”

Sherry Fahim, PMP, B.Eng., MPA

DIRECTOR, I&T PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT
CITY OF TORONTO

“To this day, I attribute many of the skills and comprehensive analytical thinking that I use daily to the course work, readings and active classroom participation that I experienced during my involvement with the MPA Program.”

Jay Stanford, M.A., M.P.A.,

DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS & SOLID WASTE
CITY OF LONDON

COURSES

The course descriptions are updated and modified periodically. Students are encouraged to visit our website where they can view current course descriptions, as well as outlines that contain a more detailed account of the course content and are updated regularly.

“The MPA program provided me the opportunity to expand my knowledge base while enhancing my research and analytical skills. ”

Brent Shea, M.P.A.

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LONDON POLICE SERVICE

- PA 9901 - ADVANCED LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- PA 9902 - POLICY PROCESS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- PA 9903 - ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOUR
- PA 9904 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATION
- PA 9911 - MUNICIPAL LAW
- PA 9912 - FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
- PA 9913 - ECONOMICS AND POLICY ANALYSIS
- PA 9914 - RESEARCH METHODS
- PA 9915 - PROGRAM EVALUATION
- PA 9916 - THEORIES OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
- PA 9917 - ISSUES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- PA 9922 - HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
- PA 9923 - STRATEGIC PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT
- PA 9931 - MPA MAJOR RESEARCH PAPER