



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
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Department of  
Information Session  
Public Administration

# Why Consider an MPA?

- Do you enjoy serving your community??
- Are you passionate about making a positive impact?
- The MPA program is designed to prepare students for a career in public service, the public and non-profit sectors, human resources, as well as higher ed administration.
- The program prepares students for management and analytic roles.
- This degree is intended for graduate students and career employees seeking to develop and strengthen academic and professional skills.

# Why Consider an MPA from CSUSB?

- You can earn your MPA degree entirely online
- We cater to working adults with a mix of synchronous Zoom classes (held from 7:00-9:30pm M-Thursday nights) and asynchronous classes where you can work at your own pace.
- We have an excellent mix of full time tenure track faculty along with experienced professionals who have held senior public leadership positions.
- The CSU continues to offer the best value in higher education in the state of CA (CSUSB MPA=\$19k). With tuition beating local institutions (LaVerne=\$31k for MPA); UCR (\$48k for MPP).

# Admission Requirements

- A bachelor's degree or its equivalent from an accredited institution
- A GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in the last 90 quarter or 60 semester units attempted. *Applications with less than a 2.5 GPA will be considered with the submission of GRE scores or proven work experience in the public sector*
- A 500-word typed statement of purpose
- English language proficiency
- Public or nonprofit sector employment experience or completion of an internship

# Program Curriculum

- 7 core classes
- 3 concentration classes
- Students will choose a concentration from the following options:  
**Leadership; Community Planning and Management; Public Financial Management; Nonprofit Management; Cybersecurity**
- 2 Open Electives
- Culminating experience is our PA 6550 Capstone Course

# Masters of Social Work & Master of Public Administration Concurrent Degrees Program MSW / MPA



- The concurrent degrees plan is 23 fewer units than if both degrees were taken separately – total of 73 units
- This is not a dual program; it is a concurrent degrees program.
- The purpose of the concurrent degree is to serve students who envision a career path that includes high level administrative roles in social service agencies. Earning a degree in both fields provides students the skills and knowledge to facilitate well-being and change at all system levels.
- Must be admitted to both MSW program AND MPA program.
- Supplemental application available via CSU Apply; Individual Statement and Plan of Study.
- Student in the Concurrent Degrees Program will complete all required MSW curriculum in addition to MPA courses.
- More information on the MSW Program: [SocialWork@csusb.edu](mailto:SocialWork@csusb.edu)



## MSW PROGRAM OPTIONS

### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK AND MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



#### CONCURRENT DEGREES

The School of Social Work and the Department of Public Administration offer the Concurrent Degrees Program Master of Social Work and Public Administration (MSW/MPA concurrent degrees) for newly admitted students. The MSW/MPA concurrent degrees program is 23 fewer units than if both degrees were taken separately.

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#### ADMISSION TO THE MSW/MPA CONCURRENT DEGREES PROGRAM

Prospective students will apply to the MSW/MPA Concurrent Degrees Program through Cal State Apply. Applicants will need to be accepted under the current admission procedures for both the School of Social Work Master Degree Program and the Department of Public Administration, Master of Public Administration. Program capacity is limited. Contact each program directly for admission requirements.



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Must apply at time  
of submitting  
application.

# Program Completion & Tuition and Fees

- Students can complete the program in as little as 2 years by taking 2 classes per semester (including summers). Some students choose to go through faster (4-5 classes per term)
- Students have 7 years to complete the program.
- For more information about tuition and fees please visit:
- <https://www.csusb.edu/student-financial-services/tuition-and-fees/academic-year-2024-2025>

# Need Help With Your Application

The CSUSB Cal State Apply Graduate Application Session will provide information to assist applicants with writing a stellar personal statement and offer time saving tips for completing the CSUSB Cal State Apply application. See (<https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies>).

Contact Graduate Studies office at (909) 537-5058 or [gradadmissions@csusb.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@csusb.edu) with any questions regarding your graduate application

<b>Info Sessions for Cal Apply</b>	<a href="https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students/how-apply">https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students/how-apply</a>
Graduate Studies Office	<a href="https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students/how-apply/graduate-application-assistance">https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students/how-apply/graduate-application-assistance</a>
September 10, 2024 October 07, 2024 November 12, 2024	12-1pm Zoom





# MPA Office Contact Us!

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- In-person: Jack Brown, 456
- Schedule a Zoom call
- Ready to apply? Go to [CSUApply.edu](https://www.csuapply.edu)