PUBLIC MANAGEMENT, MASTER OF ARTS

MA in Public Management

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At a time when governments are faced with an array of unprecedented challenges, good management is essential. The Johns Hopkins MA in Public Management will empower you to be strategic by teaching students the fundamentals of public management: policy analysis and evaluation, financial management, economics and fiscal policy, and public policy and administration. This innovative degree prepares emerging leaders to tackle complex public policy and management problems faced by leaders at all levels of government.

Admissions Criteria for all Advanced Academic Programs (https://e-catalogue.jhu.edu/arts-sciences/advanced-academic-programs/enrollment-services/admission/)

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the materials and credentials required for all programs, the Master of Arts in Public Management requires:

- A writing sample of two to five pages that is policy oriented. If the applicant does not have a policy-oriented paper that he or she wishes to submit, the applicant may write a three page, double-spaced essay on the following question:

  “A memorandum is not written to inform the reader, but to protect the writer.” —Former Secretary of State Dean Acheson

  Please discuss whether you think the quote from former Secretary Acheson is accurate or not and why?

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Six required core courses
- Six elective courses

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Select six electives 1

Total Credits 36

1 Electives need to be chosen in consultation with the student’s adviser and should accommodate professional and/or personal goals.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The MA in Public Management weaves the study of public administration, public policy, economics, quantitative and qualitative analysis, and financial management into a program that will enable its graduates to lead and shape this rapidly-growing field. The program combines recognized faculty with extensive governmental experience and publications, an on-site and online curriculum, and the research resources, tools, and opportunities for its students to:

1. Utilize analytical skills—including quantitative and qualitative tools—to assess policies and program effectiveness.

2. Appraise and compare management and organization systems utilized in public sector for the purpose of maximizing efficiency and effectiveness.

3. Design, evaluate, and experiment with specific policies with regard to their ability to meet public priorities.

4. Formulate and construct budgets and financial systems used in the public sector.