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**MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY
PROSPECTIVE STUDENT INFORMATION SESSION**

Passion. Skill. Leadership.



Session Overview

- About the MPA program
- A look at the curriculum
- Why choose SF State's MPA?
- Admissions process

Program Overview

- Small to Mid-Size Program
 - Small class sizes
 - No bottlenecks; median time to degree is 7 semesters
- Full-time faculty of 5 – full focus on public administration
 - Each has academic preparation & practitioner experience
 - Opportunities for faculty-student collaborations
- Nationally Accredited by NASPAA (Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, & Administration)

People – Faculty & Staff

Core PA faculty

- **Dr. Sheldon Gen**
public policy
- **Dr. Ernita Joaquin**
public administration, urban admin.
- **Dr. Jennifer Shea**
program director; nonprofits, public policy
- **Dr. Genie Stowers**
distinguished professor; urban admin.
- **Dr. Janey Wang**
public finance, research methods

Staff and associated faculty

- **Dr. Elizabeth Brown**
school director
- **Bridget McCracken**
academic office coordinator
- **Dr. Anoshua Chaudhuri**
economics, health policy
- **Dr. Al Hyde**
Brookings (ret.), public administration
- **Dr. Kathy Naff**
human resources, public management
- **Dr. Ayse Pamuk**
housing policy
- **Dr. Raquel Pinderhuges**
urban sustainability
- **Dr. Carol Silverman**
research methods
- **Dr. Jeff Snipes**
criminal justice

...and several other adjunct faculty

Why SF State's MPA?

- Quality
- Mission
- Geography
- Career Development & Jobs
- The Curriculum

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Quality

- Nationally accredited program , nationally respected
- Competitive Admissions
 - ▣ Our student body is outstanding and diverse
 - ▣ From wide variety of backgrounds and interests
 - ▣ Help to further enhance the classroom experience
- The best deal around in terms of costs
- Best value for your investment

Mission

The mission of the SF State MPA Program is to **enhance individual and organizational capacity** to serve the public and nonprofit sectors through **engaged and innovative teaching, research and service.**

- We teach effective public administration by **enriching students with knowledge and skills** to inspire innovation and motivate continuous improvement.
- As faculty and students, we work to **provide applied research and service** to the community.
- We **instill an appreciation for public service values** such as civic engagement, effectiveness, sustainability, inclusively, accountability, equity and social justice.

Geography – SF and Abroad

□ Located in the Heart of SF

- Opportunities for applied projects, service learning, and community-engaged research with public and nonprofit agencies

□ Convenient

- Scheduled tailored for working adults— nights, weekends, late afternoons, hybrids
- At the Powell Street BART/Muni station

□ International Connections

- Summer abroad in Denmark
- Faculty with international connections and interests
- Visiting scholars and practitioners



University of Aarhus Summer Exchange Program

Career Development & Jobs

Jobs. Our students are getting jobs.

- See our blog for examples (<http://sfsumpa.wordpress.com/>)
- Network of alumni – check out their eportfolios (<http://mpa.sfsu.edu/content/eportfolios>)
- Pipelines with local employers
 - San Mateo County
 - Student Consultants Program (paid)
 - Professional Fellowship Program (paid)
 - Deloitte Tax
 - Government Relations Summer Internships (paid)
 - Government Accountability Office
 - Graduate Internship Program (paid)
 - Neighborhood Empowerment Network, City & County of SF
 - Graduate Internships (paid)

Curriculum Overview

- 39 – 42 Units:
 - Solid core of foundation classes (12 units, 4 classes)
 - Management perspectives courses (12 units, select 4 of 6 courses)
 - Flexibility in electives (12 units)
 - Internship (3 units)
 - Culminating experience (3 units): capstone or thesis
- Cross-program focus on writing, critical thinking, oral presentation skills & developing team work abilities
- Balance between theory and practice
- Applied research & service learning opportunities

Core Curriculum

Core Courses (4 courses, 12 units)

- PA 700: Foundations of Government & Management, 3 units
- PA 705: Design & Consumption of Research, 3 units
- PA 706: Applied Data Analysis, 3 units
- PA 715: Policy Process & Civic Engagement, 3 units

Management Perspectives (select 4 courses, 12 units)

- PA 720: Organizational Design & Change Management, 3 units
- PA 722: Performance Management & Planning, 3 units
- PA 724: Economic Perspectives, 3 units
- PA 725: Managing Human Capital, 3 units
- PA 727: Program & Service Delivery
- PA 730: Resource Management, 3 units

Elective Emphases (12 units)

- Nonprofit Administration
- Public Management
- Public Policy
- Urban Administration
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Environmental Administration
- Gerontology
- Self-Designed Emphasis

3-Unit Electives

- PA 740: Public Service Management
- PA 741: Emerging Trends in Public Service
- PA 744: Nonprofits, Public Policy & Society
- PA 745: Perspectives on Nonprofit Management
- PA 746: Organizational Learning & Nonprofit Management
- PA 750: Financial Management in Public Service
- PA 752: Public Affairs and the Law
- PA 753: Decision Making in Public Service
- PA 754: Comparative Perspectives in Public Service
- PA 755: Information & Knowledge in Public Service
- PA 757: Moving Public Service Online
- PA 762: Leading Change Across Sectors
- PA 770: Policy Analysis
- PA 775: Program Evaluation
- PA 776: Environmental Policy
- PA 777: Criminal Justice Administration
- PA 780: Urban Administration
- PA 781: Sustainable Development in Cities
- PA 783: Urban Housing Policy
- PA 784: Intergovernmental Relations
- PA 790: Special Topics in Public Administration
- PA 858: Environmental Land Use Planning

Internship

- 300 Hours (20 per week in 15 weeks semester)
- Great way to get foot in the door of new career or agency
- May Be Waived with significant work experience

Culminating Experience

- Thesis
 - ▣ Traditional Social Science Research
 - ▣ Work independently with guidance of faculty committee
- PA 890: Capstone Course
 - ▣ Semester-long course taken in last semester
 - ▣ Synthesize materials from across the curriculum
 - ▣ Culminates with Strategic Assessment Memorandum

Class Formats

- Traditional
 - ▣ Evenings/Afternoons: Meet in person once per week
 - ▣ Saturdays – 3 unit classes meet for 6-7 full-day sessions; 1 unit classes meet on varied schedules for a total of 15 ‘contact hours’
- Hybrid
 - ▣ Combines in person and online (asynchronous) meetings
- Online
 - ▣ No in-person meetings; only online



Admissions Overview

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Estimated Tuition and Fees to Degree – 2016-2017

Estimated Tuition/Fees (in-state) for Degree			accredited?
	PT	FT	
CSUEB	\$19,992	\$15,660	no
SonomaState	\$20,377	\$17,308	no
SJSU*	\$20,475	\$17,366	yes
SFSU*	\$20,223	\$18,900	yes
Golden Gate (ExecMPA)	\$27,000	\$27,000	no
Notre Dame de Namur	\$31,392	\$31,392	no
USF*	\$49,210	\$46,620	yes
UC Berkeley (MPP)	N/A	\$53,341	no
Mills (MPP)	\$72,080	\$65,340	no
Presidio	\$62,790	\$68,640	no
Monterey Institute of International Studies	\$109,200	\$82,276	no

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Learn more about [scholarships offered by the Public Administration Program](#).

Information about other scholarships and financial assistance can be found at the [University's Office of Financial Aid](#) or by visiting a financial aid counselor at the Student Service Building during their office hours.

[SF State's Fellowships Office](#) is available to assist undergraduates, graduate students and recent alumni in applying for nationally competitive fellowships, scholarships and grants, as well as system-wide awards offered by the California State University system.

All students should create a profile in [Academic Works](#) and update it each semester; you may automatically qualify for a scholarship even if you don't apply for it.

Admissions Process (<http://mpa.sfsu.edu/content/admissions>)

1. Deadlines: Fall - April 1st ; Spring - November 1st
2. Apply to the SFSU Graduate Division...
 - CSU Mentor Application
 - Send one sets of transcripts
3. ...and apply to the SFSU MPA program.
 - Personal Statement (see MPA website for requirements)
 - Current resume
 - 2 Letters of Reference
4. Standard: 3.0 gpa in last 60 units
5. No GRE requirement
6. No pre-requisite coursework required

Personal Statement Requirements, < 4 pages

1. Life experiences that have led you to an interest in public service (public or nonprofit)
2. Background in the public service, including any work or volunteer experience you might have in public or nonprofit agencies
3. Areas of specific interests in the public service, including what has led you to these specific interests
4. Career and professional goals and aspiration
5. Describe how the MPA degree will be helpful and consistent with your career goals and aspirations
6. Describe why this is the right time in your career to come into a MPA program and seek the degree
7. Describe why the SF State MPA degree program is a good fit for you and your career / professional goals

Questions?

- Visit the MPA Program website: <http://mpa.sfsu.edu/>
- Visit the Graduate Studies website:
<http://grad.sfsu.edu/content/prospective/domestic/main-domestic>
- More information for international applicants:
<http://grad.sfsu.edu/content/prospective/international/international-admissions>
- Stay in Touch! For information about how to connect with us on social media or join our listservs, visit <http://mpa.sfsu.edu/content/socialmedia>
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