The mid-career Master of Public Affairs from the Humphrey School is designed to build on all the skills and experiences you’ve had so far, and find the confident leader that is already inside of you.

Public affairs is more than management. It’s the ability to tease apart big, messy problems, and find a way to make big changes, even when they’re disruptive.

You will complete 12 of the required credits in a cohort of about 30 students, and work in small groups for some projects. Classes meet one weekend per month from August to May.

SPECIALIZATIONS:
Each MPA student designs their own specialization, drawing from 150+ master’s degree programs across the University of Minnesota. Past specializations have included:

• Community and economic development
• Integrative leadership across sectors
• Disability policy and program analysis
• Global Policy and International development
• Leadership in Public Affairs
• Education policy
• Public or nonprofit leadership and management
• Social Justice and Policy Development
• Environmental Policy
• Health Care Policy Analysis and Development
• Human Services Leadership
• Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

PROGRAM POINTS OF PRIDE

Leadership
The core curriculum focuses on leadership development and the ability to work and lead as part of a team. You will become more professionally confident.

Meaning
You will form deep connections with your classmates, and reflect deeply on your own beliefs, values, and position in the world. Graduates tell us that completing the MPA gave their lives more meaning.

Support
Our faculty will ensure that you succeed. With the cohort format, your classmates will know you and become your strongest network.
WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MASTER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS?

A Humphrey School MPA will re-energize your career. You will find the leader in yourself, enabling you to make change in your current organization, or to change your professional path to one in which you will thrive. Many graduates are now serving as leaders in governmental agencies, large corporations, and nonprofits.

FINANCING YOUR DEGREE

Most MPA students work full time while pursuing their degree. You may take one to three years to complete the program. Tuition is charged on a per-credit basis. About one-third of students receive some form of financial aid. There are several scholarships specifically allocated for MPA students, and student loans are also available.

YOU WILL LEARN

• The skills and confidence to lead
• To use research-based evidence to propose policy/program change
• To better understand yourself and your place in society
• To work across diverse perspectives

THE CURRICULUM

• Core curriculum, completed with the cohort (12 credits)
• Self-designed concentration classes (14 credits)
• Capstone workshop (4 credits)

Every student has the option to combine a Humphrey School degree with another University of Minnesota graduate or professional degree in law, social work, public health, or business.

OUR IDEAL CANDIDATES

• Have been working for at least 10 years
• Are successful in their jobs and eager for new skills to make a bigger difference
• Are willing to have uncomfortable conversations to reach greater meaning

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