

The MPA Online

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Public Works Concentration

The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) and the American Public Works Association (APWA) are pleased to announce the addition of a concentration in Public Works Management to UNO's nationally prominent online MPA Program. Public works professionals seeking credential of a distinguished master's degree in their field to move their career forward can now have it available at their fingertips.

The School of Public Administration at UNO has been ranked by U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Graduate Schools (2013 edition) as one of the nation's top programs. In the broad category of Public Affairs, UNO ranked 33rd nationally and tied for 15th place among public institutions. Other notable rankings include:

- Information Technology, 6th
- Public Budgeting & Finance, 6th
- Nonprofit Management, 11th
- Urban Management, 14th
- Public Management, 21st



The Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge spans across the Missouri River, connecting Omaha, Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Skills Gained from the Concentration

The Public Works Concentration provides students the knowledge needed to address issues faced by public works administrators in their daily responsibilities:

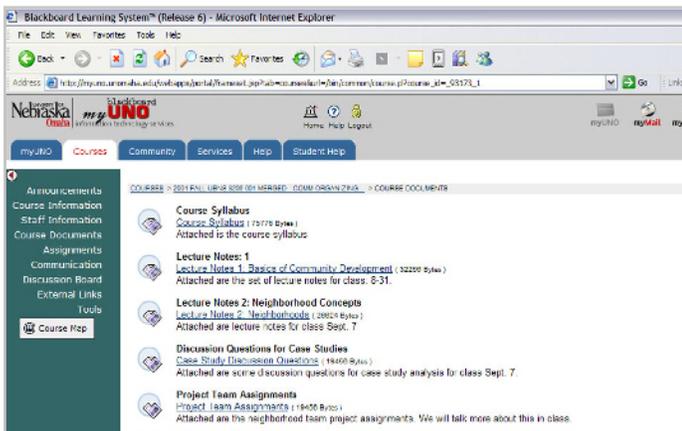
- foundations of public works administration
- human resource management
- public financial management
- urban planning

Advantages of UNO's Online Program

- High-quality curriculum from a distinguished university.
- Low tuition from a convenient, accessible location – your computer.
- Program is taught using the same faculty and courses offered on campus.
- Schedule classes to suit your busy lifestyle.



UNO Campus. College of Public Affairs Community Service (CPACS) Building and Henningson Memorial Campanile.



All Master of Public Administration students rely on Blackboard to get information on classes and to talk to fellow students online.

Is Online Learning Right for Me?

Most students who enjoy and are successful in their distance learning courses share several important characteristics, including the ability to work independently, manage time effectively, and stay motivated.

The flexibility inherent with online courses is easy to take advantage of, and students who often find themselves behind schedule may not be the best candidates for the UNO Online MPA.

In addition, most successful distance students are highly comfortable using technology to view courses, read lecture notes, and communicate with the instructor and other students.

We encourage people to participate and to ask substantive questions online; however, people who cannot understand the course format or basic concepts do poorly online.

You should carefully consider whether distance learning is right for you. There are many good online resources to help you gauge your learning style and preferences.

Degree Plan

Thirteen courses (39 graduate credit hours) are required for the MPA degree.

Required Courses (24 credits):

- PA 8050 Public Administration and Democracy
- PA 8010 The Public Economy
- PA 8090 Organization Theory and Behavior
- PA 8120 Research Methods
- PA 8300 Policy Design & Implementation
- PA 8440 Organizational Development or PA 8530 Strategic Planning and Management
- PA 8320 Policy Evaluation or PA 8330 Policy Analysis
- PA 8990 Capstone Project

Concentration Courses (15 credits):

- PA 8420 Public Works Management
- UBNS 8060 Introduction to Urban Planning
- PA 8410 Public Human Resource Management
- PA 8480 Public Financial Administration
- One Elective

For more information

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