The MPA Program at UAB

Do you want to make a difference? Do you want to be the difference? For over 40 years, UAB's nationally ranked Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program has prepared students for successful careers in public service where they can serve the greater good. We have graduates locally and across the country who have become successful leaders and managers in local, state, and federal government positions, in nonprofit organizations, and in private industry.

The MPA Program at UAB is accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA). Our MPA Program is among the best in the Southeast and has been ranked in the Top 75 MPA Programs in the country over the last several years, according to the US News and World Report.

MPA Program Mission

The UAB MPA program is committed to excellence in graduate education through teaching, research, service, and practice. Through a knowledge- and skills-based curriculum informed by public values, the program focuses on building the next generation of ethical, inclusive, and responsive decisionmakers who advance the public interest.

MPA/JD Dual Degree Program

A complex interrelationship exists between the legal system, public policy analysis, and public management. Recognizing this, the Department of Political Science and Public Administration's MPA program has partnered with the <u>Cumberland School of Law</u> at Samford University to offer a coordinated MPA/JD program. It is particularly applicable to those pursuing careers in government and/or public interest law.

Program Requirements

Students are required to complete a total of 120 semester hours for the coordinated degree (includes three (3) hours of internship). This includes 30 hours in the MPA Program, and 90 hours in the JD Program. Full-time students should be able to complete all degree requirements within three (3) years.

For more information, visit www.uab.edu/mpa or contact Carin Mayo, Program Manager at ccmayo@uab.edu