Cal State LA MPA Mission Statement and Curriculum Grid

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program at California State University, Los Angeles, prepares students for leadership by educating them for professional public and community service within a diverse and dynamic metropolitan environment.

Cal State LA MPA Student Learning Outcomes (in red)

Students will develop the following leadership capabilities:

- Knowledge about and the ability to bridge public administration theory, research and practice
- Rigorous critical analysis skills to inform evidence-based public and community problem-solving and decision-making processes in changing contexts
- The incorporation, advancement and reliance on public service ethics in decision-making processes
- The ability to work collaboratively within and across sectoral, jurisdictional and organizational boundaries
- The ability to engage a diversity of perspectives and interests to support culturally responsive, inclusive, justice-oriented and equitable public service
- The ability to identify diverse stakeholders and utilize effective communication to engage them

The following curriculum map demonstrates the linkages between the MPA program curriculum, student learning outcomes and the universal competencies required by NASPAA, our accrediting agency.

NASPAA Competencies	Lead and manage in the public interest	Participate and contribute to the policy process	Analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make evidence-informed decisions	Articulate, apply, and advance a public service perspective	Communicate and interact productively and in culturally responsive ways
MPA Student Learning Outcomes	• PA knowledge • Engage diversity • Effective communication • Ability to collaborate	• Critical analysis skills • Effective communication	Critical analysis skills	Advancement of public service ethics	• Engage diversity • Effective communication • Ability to collaborate
POLS 5700 Foundations	**I**	**I**	**I**	**I, A**	**I**
POLS 5720 Org & Mgmt	**I, P**		**P**	**I, P**	**P**
POLS 5730 HRM	**P**		**P**	**P**	**I, P**
POLS 5740 Budgeting	**P**	**I**	**I, P**	**P**	**P**
MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVES					
POLS 5750 Non-Profit Mgt	**P**			**P**	**P**
POLS 5760 IG Relations	**P**			**P**	**P**
POLS 5770 E-Governance	**P**			**P**	**P**
ANALYTIC PERSPECTIVES					
POLS 5800 Data Analysis		**P**	**P**		**P**
POLS 5810 Policy Analysis		**P**	**P**		**P**
POLS 5820 Program Eval		**P**	**P**		**P**
CULMINATING EXPERIENCE					
POLS 5900 Capstone	**P**	**P**	**P**	**P**	**P**
POLS 5960 Comp Exam	**A**	**A**	**A**	**A**	**A**

I = Competency Introduced; P = Competency Practiced; A = Competency Assessed