

Online Master of Public Administration Emphasis in Local Government



We are ready to help you take your career in local government to the next level. Bring your experience as a manager in local government organizations to NIU and earn Master's degree in Public Administration, which ranks No. 4 in the country in teaching local government management, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

Flexibility

- Earn your MPA in less than three years.
- Executive eight-week format that starts in mid-August and mid-January.
- Students complete course work independently on their own schedule; perfect for employees working a variety of shifts.
- Faculty committed to quick response time to student inquiries.

Value

- All courses specialize in local government.
- Strong alumni network.
- Excellent job placement.
- Affordable tuition rates.

A Trusted Name

- Bring the national reputation of a quality public administration program with you.
- Courses taught by tenured faculty members and seasoned local government professionals. Course discussions and assignments focus on local government issues and cases.

“I have found the NIU Online MPA program very accessible and able to integrate into my own work/life schedule. NIU’s academic team, in a streamlined approach, is delivering an advantageous education to students. Almost immediately, I learned new approaches to be more professional and effective at my job. NIU is helping me build a foundation for my further career aspirations.”

— *Bob Bohannon*
Water Lab Chemist
City of Moline, Illinois



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

**Department of
Public Administration**

School of Public and Global Affairs

Degree Requirements

Our Online Master of Public Administration with an Emphasis in Local Government is designed for mid-career managers who work in the public sector. This rigorous, professional program will give you what you need to be an effective, ethical leader in local government organizations. Our graduates hold management positions in areas such as public safety, public works, finance, budgeting, parks and recreation and city manager's office.

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Online MPA Course List

Credits required: **39**

Core Course Requirements: 24 credit hours

- PSPA 600 Scope and Dynamics of Public Administration
- PSPA 605 Organization Theory and Behavior
- PSPA 607 Public Service Performance I: Theory and Management
- PSPA 608 Public Service Performance II: Management and Data Analysis
- PSPA 609 Human Resources Management in Public Service Organizations
- PSPA 610 Public Budgeting and Financial Management
- PSPA 611 Public Revenue Analysis and Financial Management
- PSPA 612 Information Technology in Public Service Organizations

Local Government Specialization Courses: 12 credit hours

- PSPA 630 Local and Metropolitan Government
- PSPA 632 Local Government Administration
- PSPA 635 Local Economic Development Policy
- PSPA 650 Leadership in Public Sector Organizations

Capstone Course Requirement: 3 credit hours

- PSPA 699 Public Services Capstone Project

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