Program Description

Degree Awarded: EMPA Public Administration

The ASU EMPA is a 19-month, online graduate degree program which also features three-day face-to-face executive sessions in both Phoenix and Washington, D.C. The program is a collaboration between the School of Public Affairs and the McCain Institute for International Leadership.

The ASU Executive Master of Public Administration program is designed for public sector leaders throughout the world. Students participate in the program as part of a learning cohort, and the one-course-at-a-time online structure enables them to maintain a work and life balance as they immerse in each topic. The learning experience begins with an orientation and executive session in Phoenix. Approximately one year later, the class reconvenes in Washington, D.C. for a second executive session. The executive master's degree program ends in Phoenix, where students present their applied projects.

The ASU Executive Master of Public Administration program enables students to expand the breadth and depth of their professional network. The online curriculum attracts a more geographically diverse pool of applicants, both nationally and internationally. The executive sessions in Phoenix and Washington, D.C. further enable students to develop deeper relationships with their classmates. Executive Master of Public Administration students will be selected based on their ability to demonstrate the value they would add to the learning experience of the entire class, and a new cohort begins each year.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** online

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including the required applied project course (PAF 593)
**Required Core (27 credit hours)**
LES 582 Ethical Issues for Managers (3)
PAF 508 Organization Behavior (3)
PAF 582 E-Public Administration (3)
PAF 585 Strategic Planning for Public Sector Leaders (3)
PAF 586 Data Analytics for the Public Good (3)
PAF 587 Federal Budgeting and Tax Policy (3)
PAF 588 Global Public Policy (3)
PAF 589 Leadership in Public Organizations (3)
TGM 581 Negotiating in a Global Context (3)

**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**
PAF 593 Applied Project (3)

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**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three letters of recommendation
4. personal statement
5. resume
6. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.
Exceptions to the GPA requirements may be considered based on the professional achievements demonstrated by the applicant as determined by applicant's resume and other application materials. In addition to the GPA requirement, applicants are expected to have five to seven years of progressive leadership experience.

The personal statement must be 300 words or fewer and should include what experiences and qualities the student will bring to the EMPA program. The student must also discuss their career objectives and how they plan to leverage the EMPA to help achieve those objectives. In addition, applicants also may provide any supplementary information that would strengthen the personal statement.

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