Global Management (Public Administration), MGM

In today's global economy, public-private partnerships are on the rise. Executives and managers in this arena need repertoires that combine public administration with global management skills and experience. This concentration addresses that niche by building on the world's No. 1-ranked Master of Global Management degree (Times Higher Education/Wall Street Journal).

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MGM Global Management (Public Administration)

New research is emphasizing that the millennial generation is increasingly motivated by values such as social justice and environmental stewardship and is looking for public and nonprofit careers (Chamberlain, 2018). However, only 7% of federal employees are under the age of 30 (Curry, 2017). This mismatch between millennials' desire for meaningful work and their decreased interest in the public sector highlights that many public administration programs are not meeting current market conditions. New programs are needed that integrate expert training in public administration with global management. To meet this new need, Thunderbird School of Global Management has created the public administration concentration in the highly ranked MGM degree program in collaboration with the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions: https://publicservice.asu.edu/.

This concentration is intended for future leaders who want public service skills and experience as part of their global management repertoire and for students seeking roles within public institutions or roles that interact with those institutions, especially on matters where public policy overlaps with business or other global enterprises. The concentration in public administration is designed by Thunderbird's renowned faculty and allows students to take courses in public administration through the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Students earn a solid foundational understanding of and skills in public administration, leadership, management and policy analysis in service to the public good. This program prepares students for work at all levels in governmental and nonprofit organizations around the world.

Thunderbird School of Global Management has produced unique leaders for more than 70 years, leaders in every sector capable of tackling the world's greatest challenges. The alumni network comprises 45,000 graduates and 170 chapters around the globe.
At a Glance

- **College/School:** Thunderbird School of Global Management
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- Asia Studies (East Asia), BA
- Asia Studies (South Asia), BA
- Asia Studies (Southeast Asia), BA
- Business (Business Administration), BA
- Business (Communication), BA
- Business (Global Logistics Management), BA
- Business (Global Politics), BA
- Business (Health Care), BA
- Business (Information Security), BA
- Business (Law), BA
- Business (Public Service and Public Policy), BA
- Business (Sports Business), BA
- Business (Sustainability), BA
- Business (Technology), BA
- Business (Tourism), BA
- Finance, BS
- Global Management, BGM
- History, BA
- International Trade, BS
- Jewish Studies, BA
- Management, BS
- Philosophy, BA
- Philosophy (Morality, Politics and Law), BA
Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

**Degree Requirements**

49 credit hours, a foreign language exam, including the required capstone course (TGM 597)

**Required Core (3 credit hours)**
TGM 506 Communicating and Negotiating Across Cultures (3)

**Concentration (12 credit hours)**
PAF 503 Public Affairs (3)
PAF 505 Public Policy Analysis (3)
PAF 506 Public Budgeting and Finance (3)
PAF 508 Organization Behavior (3)

**Electives (12 credit hours)**

**Other Requirement (21 credit hours)**
foreign language
TGM 515 Navigating Global and Regional Business Environments (3)
TGM 517 Global Accounting and Financial Management (3)
TGM 545 Advanced Perspectives on Global Leadership and Strategy (3)
TGM 557 Global Data and Marketing Analytics (3)
TGM 586 Global Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Business (3)
TGM 596 Thunderbird Experiential Practicum (6)

**Culminating Experience (1 credit hour)**
TGM 597 Thunderbird Integrative Experience (1)

**Additional Curriculum Information**

Electives are approved by the academic unit.

Except for TGM 596 and the foreign language requirement, other requirement courses may be substituted with approval of the academic unit.

Proficiency in a second language is required for graduation from the MGM degree program. Students whose native language is not English who meet the admission requirements for the Master of Global Management program satisfy the language requirement.
Students whose native language is English must satisfy the graduation requirement for language proficiency by waiving this requirement through an oral proficiency interview administered by a third-party vendor OR successfully completing six credit hours of 400-level or higher foreign language coursework as part of the program electives.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

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

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

Applicants are required to submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. professional resume
4. two letters of recommendation
5. GRE or GMAT score
6. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

Students in Thunderbird's Master of Global Management program have unique opportunities to apply and hone their learning in international settings. Experiential learning exposes Thunderbird students to actual problems faced by leaders of multinational businesses and governmental or nonprofit organizations that operate on an international level. Working with Thunderbird professors, their fellow students, alumni and corporate partners, students master and apply global management principles and concepts to meet real business challenges through special courses, labs and projects. Thunderbird offers a wide variety of
experiential learning engagements, giving students the ability to solve real-world challenges by collaborating with the school's corporate partners around the world. Some options include:

Global Field Seminars
This two- or three-week seminar exposes students to the dynamics and nuances of doing business in a focused region of the world. Teams of students go on company site visits and attend high-level meetings and presentations with business, government and cultural leaders as well as with Thunderbird alumni. Students gain invaluable hands-on experience while expanding their global business skills so they can become major assets to any organization they join after graduating.

Thunderbird Global Challenge Laboratories
This is a client-facing, project-based course built on a six- to seven-week immersion assignment in a key emerging or advanced market. Projects take students to destinations all over the world. They are tailored to the business needs of the client and challenge students to provide sophisticated data and market analysis, strategy recommendations and plans for sustained growth that are both practical and effective. For more information, students should visit https://thunderbird.asu.edu/challenge-labs.

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