Why get an MPA Degree?

Do you want to learn how to solve and resolve organizational problems and public matters?

Are you interested in long-term leadership and administrative careers in the public-, non-profit- or private-sector?

Have you been overlooked for a promotion?

Would you like to increase your marketability and enhance your professional proficiency?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, then the MPA Program at UVI just may be the ticket!
The Master of Public Administration program requires a total of 36 credit hours. All MPA candidates must complete eight core courses (24 credits) and any four elective courses (12 credits, with a six credits thesis option).

WHAT DOES THE MPA PROGRAM OFFER?

I. Small class sizes
II. Personalized plan of study
III. Annual course offering (See the course matrix)
IV. Student-centered learning environment: Traditional, Online & Hybrid
V. Dedicated faculty
VI. Networking opportunities
VII. A program with a proven track record
VIII. Low tuition cost with great professional & academic rewards

Matrix of Course Offerings:

FALL SEMESTER:
- PUA 500 Intro to PA (core)
- PUA 520 Administrative Theory (core)
- PUA 523 Recent Developments (elective)
- PUA 534 Budgeting (core)
- PUA 531 Leadership (core)
- PUA 600 Thesis (optional elective)

SPRING SEMESTER
- PUA 521 Public Program Seminar (core)
- PUA 526 Quantitative Methods (core)
- PUA 527 Administrative Law (core)
- PUA 533 Personnel (core)
- PUA 535 Program Planning (elective)
- PUA 600 Thesis (optional elective)

SUMMER SEMESTER
- PUA 524 Comparative Administration (elective)
- PUA 536 Selected Topics (elective)
- PUA 528 Labor Management (elective)
- PUA 532 Government & Society (elective)
- PUA 600 Thesis (optional elective)

Admission Requirements:

- Submit a Graduate Admission Application
- Have earned a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution with a GPA of at least 2.5.
- Submit official transcript(s) of all previous college course work
- Submit either Graduate Management Aptitude Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score.
- Have completed one of the following prerequisite course requirements or its equivalent:
  - DSC 325 (Statistics for Mgt. Decision) or
  - DSC 410 (Quant. Methods in Bus.) or
  - MAT 235 (Intro to Statistics) or
  - SSC 327-328 (Quant. Research Methods in Soc. Sci.) or
  - ECO 221-222 (Intro to Economics)