

# PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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## Overview

The **Master of Public Administration Degree** is a professional degree designed to prepare preservice students for positions in the public sector, nonprofit organizations and to improve the managerial capabilities of those individuals already employed in the public service and in nonprofit organizations. The program offers five areas of specialization: *Human Resources Management, International Administration and Development Management, Nonprofit Leadership and Management, and Public Policy*. Students who earn the Master of Public Administration Degree are prepared for careers at all levels of government, in quasi-public agencies, and in nonprofit organizations. Some graduates have pursued careers in teaching.

## Mission

The Mission of the Master of Public Administration program at Clark Atlanta University is to educate a diverse group of students in core areas of public administration. The program is designed to prepare students for successful careers in leadership and management in the public and non-profit sectors. CAU's Master of Public Administration program offers students an innovative global education, high-value engagement, and transformative experiences through research and service. The program is grounded in tenets of diversity, ethics, professionalism, and social equity, which are essential foundations for the development of well-credentialed and skilled future public administrators.

## Vision

The Public Administration Department's vision is to become the leading Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Public Administration program in the United States. Our graduates will leverage Clark Atlanta University's (CAU) rich history and experiences in advocating for diversity, ethics, professionalism, and social equity to make meaningful contributions to national and international public service organizations.

- Public Administration, M.P.A. (<http://catalog.cau.edu/graduate/programs-study/arts-sciences/division-social-sciences/public-administration/public-administration-mpa/>)

## Programs of Study

- Master of Public Administration
  - Pre-Service Program Option (36 Credits)
  - In-Service Program Option (30 Credits)