Overview
Government agencies, international nongovernment organizations, and nonprofits actively seek out professionals with the specialized knowledge to develop policies that improve quality of life. With an interdisciplinary curriculum that integrates research-based academic theory with real-world experience, this master’s program will prepare you to take on a leadership role as a policy manager, generalist, or specialist in the public or private sector.

The online M.P.P.A. program is a professional master's degree and requires the completion of 21 credit hours of core courses, 12-15 credit hours of specialization credits, an internship (3 cr.), and a capstone project (3 cr.).

Customize your education by choosing one of three specializations:

1. The public management specialization offers a well-rounded curriculum ideal for generalists. You will gain the managerial and technical competencies to effectively deliver and manage public services at the federal, state, or local levels of government.

2. The public policy specialization will give you the foundational skills to appropriately structure policy problems, propose comprehensive solutions, and carefully evaluate existing policies. By completing this specialization, you will be equipped to serve as a professional policy analyst or policy manager in both public and nonprofit organizations.

3. The international policy and management specialization will equip you with a broad understanding of policy and management, both within and across countries. By completing this specialization, you will be prepared to pursue careers in intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, or as a U.S. foreign policy maker.

Study in a collaborative online program to gain applied skills
Hone your research and critical thinking abilities as you analyze a range of case studies. Through in-depth discussions with fellow students, you will expand your understanding of public policy administration and theory. Topics of study range from public budgeting and finance to policy process theory to environmental law.

Delivery
Online with internship

Credits
39 credits

Tuition
$586 per credit
• Includes Student Services
• Fees assessed separately
• Financial aid is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

Time frame
Can be completed in 2 years

More info
online.colostate.edu/degrees/public-policy-administration

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Priority Application Deadlines
Fall semester: **February 20**  
Spring semester: **October 15**  
Summer semester: **April 1**

Application Deadlines
Fall semester: **July 15**  
Spring semester: **December 1**  
Summer semester: **April 20**

1. **Review Admission Requirements**
   - A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution
   - A cumulative 3.0 GPA on all undergraduate coursework
   - No GRE is required. However, recent TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE examination results are required for international applicants.

2. **Prepare Application Materials**
   - **Letters of Recommendation**: Three professional recommendations are required. You will provide information about your recommenders in the online application. CSU will contact them with instructions and a link to a secure form they will submit on your behalf.
   - **Statement of Purpose**: Indicate your career goals and professional interests. Be sure to describe how the M.P.P.A. program and faculty will allow you to accomplish these goals.

3. **Complete Online Application**
   Complete the online graduate application and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. Your application will not be reviewed until it is complete and all required materials have been received. When choosing program of study, please indicate your specialization of choice:
   - Public Policy and Administration/Public Management (M.P.P.A.) – Distance
   - Public Policy and Administration/Public Policy (M.P.P.A.) – Distance
   - Public Policy and Administration/International Policy and Management (M.P.P.A.) – Distance

4. **Request Transcripts**
   Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

   Send e-transcripts to: gradadmissions@colostate.edu

   Send paper copies to:
   Graduate Admissions  
   Colorado State University – Office of Admissions  
   1062 Campus Delivery  
   Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

**Check Your Application Status**
View your application status at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and promptly notify you of their decision.

**International Students**
See website for test score and transcript requirements.

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