What can I do with this degree? What kind of jobs do people with this degree typically obtain?
Government agencies and nonprofit organizations in leadership and management positions

Will this master’s program prepare me for a Ph.D. program?
Yes, if you plan to earn a PhD in public administration.

How do I apply to your graduate program?
Submit an application to Cal State Apply and to the program. The Cal State Apply application is online, but the program application must be submitted through mail or in person to the Political Science Department in E&T A524.

What is the GPA requirement for admissions into your program?
Admission to the Master of Public Administration requires a grade point average in the last 60 semester units taken in undergraduate status of 3.0. Applicants who have failed to earn at least a 3.0 grade point average in their last 60 semester units taken in undergraduate status will not be admitted to the Master of Public Administration degree program in the absence of clear and compelling evidence of their current capacity for satisfactory graduate academic performance.

Does your program require the GRE? If so, is there a minimum score required?
No

How many recommendation letters does your degree program require?
2

Whom should I get the recommendation letters from, professors or employers?
You can use either professors or employers.

Do you have any tips on how to write a personal statement?
Your personal statement should focus on your commitment to public service and why you want an MPA from Cal State LA. Your personal statement should be about 2 pages double-spaced, well-organized, and free of any writing errors.

When do you accept students into your graduate program in Fall or Spring or both?
Both
What are the admission deadlines?
You can find the University and Department Deadlines at this website: www.calstatela.edu/admissions/deadlines

What is the cost to attend graduate school?
You can find information regarding tuition and fees on the Student Financial Services website at http://www.calstatela.edu/sfinserv/cashiers-office

Does your department offer any GA or TA positions? If so, what is the eligibility requirement to apply for a GA or TA position?
No

Is this degree program co-horted?
No

How long will it take me to complete the degree if I enroll in 3 or 6 units per semester?
If you enroll in 3 units per semester, it will take 6 years to complete. If you enroll in 6 units per semester, it will take 3 years to complete.

How long will it take me to complete the degree if I enrolled in 9 units per semester?
Students are not allowed to enroll in more than 9 units per semester. If you enroll in 9 units you will finish in 2 years.

Do you offer any Winter Intersessions classes or any classes during the Summer?
Yes

When are your graduate classes typically offered during the day or at night?
Only at night and some electives are offered on weekends (weekend courses are infrequent)

Whom can I contact in the department, if I have additional questions?
MPA Graduate Advisor- Dr. DeShazo

Are there any additional resources or funding opportunities for graduate student at CSULA?
For resources and funding opportunities, please visit the Graduate Studies webpage at http://www.calstatela.edu/graduatestudies