

## CSULA MPA Mission Statement (Student Learning Outcomes in red)

The Master of Public Administration program at California State University, Los Angeles, prepares students for leadership by educating them for professional public and community service within a diverse and dynamic urban environment. Students will develop the following leadership capabilities:

- Knowledge about public administration theory, research and practice
- Analytical and critical thinking skills to inform public and community problem-solving and decision-making processes
- An understanding of the ethical basis for public service
- Effective intra-organizational, inter-organizational, and public oral and written communication skills
- A respect for and ability to engage the diversity of perspectives and interests involved in governance

The following curriculum map demonstrates the linkages between the MPA program curriculum, student learning outcomes and the universal competencies required by NASPAA, our accrediting agency.

NASPAA Competencies	Lead and manage in public governance	Participate and contribute to the policy process	Analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions	Articulate and apply a public service perspective	Communicate and interact productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry
<b>MPA Student Learning Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge about PA</li> <li>• Communication skills</li> <li>• Respect for diversity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analytical and critical thinking skills</li> <li>• Communication skills</li> </ul>	Analytical and critical thinking skills	Understanding of the ethical basis for public service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication skills</li> <li>• Respect for diversity</li> </ul>
POLS 5700 Foundations	I	I	I	I, A	I
POLS 5720 Org & Mgmt	I		I, P	I	P
POLS 5730 HRM	P		P	P	I
POLS 5740 Budgeting	P	I	P	P	P
<b>MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVES</b>					
POLS 5670 Non-Profit Mgt	P	P	P	P	P
POLS 5760 IG Relations	P	P		P	P
POLS 5770 E-Governance	P	P			P
<b>ANALYTIC PERSPECTIVES</b>					
POLS 5800 Data Analysis		P	P		P
POLS 5810 Policy Analysis		P	P		P
POLS 5820 Program Eval.		P	P		P
<b>CULMINATING EXPERIENCE</b>					
POLS 5900 Capstone	P	P	P	P	P
POLS 5960 Comp Exam	A	A	A	A	A

I = Competency Introduced; P = Competency Practiced; A = Competency Assessed