The Public Administration (M.P.A.) program at IIT Stuart School of Business combines rigorous instruction with a practical orientation toward public and nonprofit management and policy analysis.

The program emphasizes administrative knowledge and managerial skills related to the formulation of policy, acquisition of human and financial resources, strategic planning, and development and execution of effective implementation strategies.

Our faculty hold excellent academic credentials and extensive experience in the public and nonprofit sectors. Students learn and network with professionals who come from a broad range of backgrounds, positions, and organizations, and have local and global experience.

Courses meet during the evening hours at IIT’s Downtown Campus, centrally located in Chicago’s West Loop area, accommodating the needs of public service professionals who are in various stages of their careers. Courses also meet at IIT’s Main Campus, located in Chicago’s historic Bronzeville neighborhood. Our convenient degree program is designed to be completed either full-time, or part-time by working adults. No residency or thesis is required.

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Specializations
Nonprofit and Mission-Driven Management
Security, Safety, and Risk Management
Economic Development & Social Entrepreneurship

Program snapshot:
8 core courses
3 elective/specialization courses
33 total credit hours

Full-time students are expected to enroll in at least three courses per semester and can complete their degrees in two years. Part-time students can enroll in as few as one course per semester and can take up to five years to complete their degrees.

Core Courses
• Essentials for Public Management in a Complex Society
• Leading and Managing Knowledge-Intensive Organizations
• Effective Management of Human Resources in Environments of Scarce Resources
• Managing Public Financial Resources in a Changing World
• Strategic Competitiveness in the Public Sector
• Policy Evaluation Analytics
• Policy Design Analytics
• Integrative Practicum for Effective Leadership in Public and Nonprofit Organizations

CAREERS
This degree provides the skills and knowledge to be an effective manager in the public or nonprofit sectors.

IIT Stuart School of Business offers a dedicated Career Management Center exclusively for its students, hosting weekly onsite recruiting events, resume reviews, mock interviews, and information sessions.

The graduate class of 2014 had a career placement rate of 77% overall.

Organizations that have hired IIT Stuart M.P.A. graduates include:
• City of Chicago
• Chicago Police Department
• Chinese American Service League
• Chicago Hope Academy
• American Cancer Society
• DePaul University
• Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
• Lincoln Park Zoo
• Lyons Township Mental Health District

Skills and Knowledge to Make a Significant Contribution to Organizations and Society.
MASTER OF PUBLIC WORKS
IIT Stuart collaborates with the IIT Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering for their Master of Public Works (Infrastructure Engineering and Management) degree. For details, please visit www.iit.edu/engineering/cae.

DUAL-DEGREE OPTIONS

M.P.A. / JURIS DOCTOR
The M.P.A./J.D. degree is valuable particularly for administrators who need a greater understanding of legislation, rules, and judicial decisions. Dual enrollment can reduce the total number of credits from 120 to 105. Offered in coordination with IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Please note: The admission process for IIT Chicago-Kent is separate from that of IIT Stuart.

M.P.A. / MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
The M.P.A./M.B.A. program is ideal for students who want to work in both public- and private-sector management, and/or who expect to move between business and government positions in their careers. The dual enrollment reduces degree requirements by 12 M.B.A. credits and 6 M.P.A. credits.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

• Economic Development & Social Entrepreneurship
• Nonprofit and Mission-Driven Management
• Public Management (also offered with specialization in Public Transit Management)
• Security, Safety, and Risk Management

Certificate programs require completion of four courses. These credits may be applied towards degree requirements for students later accepted into a master’s program with a minimum B grade.

SELECTED FACULTY

Roland Calia (M.A. Claremont Graduate School; Ph.D., University of Chicago), Director, Graduate Program in Public Administration at IIT Stuart. Calia has extensive consulting experience in public financial management in the areas of budget, tax, and performance measurement for a wide variety of clients, including the State of Illinois, Cook County, and the Civic Federation of Chicago.

Scott Peters (J.D., Washington University School of Law; Ph.D., University of Illinois at Chicago), Industry Associate Professor of Public Administration. Peters has extensive teaching experience at the graduate and undergraduate levels, and also has experience in private legal practice in real estate and land use litigation. He teaches public management, urban planning and policy, and law.

David Ehrlich (M.P.P., Georgetown University; Ph.D., Wayne State University), Clinical Assistant Professor of Environmental Management and Public Administration. Prior to his academic appointments, Ehrlich was a senior analyst for the United States Government Accountability Office, where he briefed members of Congress, congressional committees, and nongovernmental groups on legislation and policy design issues.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

M.P.A. DEGREE
• Minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA: 3.0/4.0
• GRE: Not required
• Minimum TOEFL score: 575/90 (paper-based/Internet-based test score)

Note: Meeting the minimum GPA and test score requirements does not guarantee admission. Test scores and GPA are just two of several important factors considered.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS AND NON-DEGREE ADMISSION

Official transcripts and current resume to be considered for admission.

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