Advancing Innovation in Government and Nonprofits

Why a UConn MPA

Make An Impact

Create, manage, and lead programs and agencies in state, federal, town, and city government, and nonprofit organizations.

Top Faculty

Nationally renowned researchers and educators in the field, devoted to the development of the next generation of public and nonprofit sector leaders.

Quality Curriculum

The only NASPAA accredited MPA program in Connecticut, ranked as one of the top MPA programs in the USA.

U.S. News and World Report Rankings

- Top 10 in Public Finance and Budgeting
- Top 50 in Public Affairs
- Top 25 Public University

Engaged Alumni Network

1000+ leaders of public, nonprofit and corporate organizations in Connecticut, the U.S., and the world working as engaged mentors for current students.

Customize your Degree

Students may choose to specialize through our focus areas and graduate certificates.

Focus Areas

Law and Public Policy • Nonprofit Management
Public Financial Management • Public Policy
Public Policy, Diversity and Inclusion • Urban Planning
Social Policy • State and Local Government Management
Survey Research • ***Create your own!***

Graduate Certificates

Nonprofit Management
Public Financial Management
Survey Research

Undergraduate Fast-Track to an MPA

UConn undergraduate students can accelerate completion of their first year of their MPA degree before they graduate at no extra cost.

Paid Public Service Internships

Experience Matters

UConn's nationally recognized **Internship and Professional Practice (IPP)** program provides second-year UConn MPA students with a strong year-long, project-based internship in a top state agency, municipality or nonprofit. First-year students can also pursue optional internship programs to gain valuable professional experience and funding opportunities.

What you gain from the IPP

- Unparalleled Experience
- Subsidized Health Insurance
- Paid Stipend
- Full Tuition Scholarship

Melissa McCaw

MPA 2014
Director of Finance

Town of East Hartford, CT

"UConn's School of Public Policy provided me with high-quality academic experience complimented with real-world and practical applications that have served me throughout all levels of my career in Public and Non-Profit Higher Education Finance. There is no doubt that UConn's SPP program is contributing to the successes of thousands of alumni who are making a difference in the public and non-profit sectors across the region and the nation."

"I was a UConn undergrad and wasn't sure exactly what I wanted to do with my degree; but I did know that whatever it was, it would somehow involve public service. I was immediately impressed with the way this program taught administrative skills through the lens of representative democracy. The core skills – such as budgeting, statistics, HR management, leadership training truly made me the professional – and, quite frankly, the person – I am today."

Jason Jakubowski

MPA 2001
President and CEO

Connecticut Foodshare

Phillip Hyman

MPA 2022
Leadership Associate (HR Consultation & Job Classification)

Connecticut Department of Administrative Services

"I was impressed by the diverse set of courses they offered and the far-reaching impact many of their alumni have had at organizations within both the public and private sectors. I truly am grateful for my experience with the School of Public Policy and I am certain that the time I spent within the program will prove to be an asset to my career within the civil service."

Sample Coursework:

- Human Resource Management
- Theory and Management
- Project Management
- Public Finance and Budgeting
- Public Policy and Management

How to Apply

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Application materials required for consideration:

- Graduate School Online Application
- Transcript(s)
- Resume
- Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Statement
- Application Fee*
- Test of English Proficiency (if applicable)

**Fee waivers exist for veterans & active service personnel, AmeriCorps and PPIA alumni, and members & alumni of other organizations. Contact us for more information.*

***Recommended Material:** While the GRE is not required for admission it is highly recommended. Applicants whose academic transcripts and other application materials do not demonstrate strong writing and analytic/quantitative skills are strongly encouraged to take the GRE.*

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