

University of Memphis

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT ADMINISTRATION



DRIVEN BY DOING

- 2 Masters Programs
- 2 Graduate Certificate Programs
- 7:1 Student to Faculty Ratio
- 90% employed in-field within one year after graduation

Our Mission

Promoting responsive, responsible and professional public service through teaching, research and community engagement using a practice-based curriculum centered on nonprofit and urban management.



A Note From Our Chair



On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to welcome you to the Department of Public and Nonprofit Administration! We are proud to have been part of the University of Memphis for over 50 years, and we are continuing to adapt and grow to meet the changing needs of our community and the public and nonprofit professions.

The department is home to a number of programs at all academic levels, and all with the purpose of preparing public services leaders wherever they are in their careers. We offer undergraduate minors in Public Administration and Nonprofit, for students who wish to enhance their current program of study. We offer a nationally ranked, NASPAA accredited Master of Public Administration degree, and a newly established, fully online Master of Nonprofit Management degrees. For students who wish to enhance their current master's coursework, or who wish to continue their graduate education without the commitment to a full master's degree, we offer graduate certificates in Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership and Local Government Management. Finally, we are one of seven academic programs who are part of the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy's Ph.D. in Urban Affairs program. Our courses, offered in-person or online, are taught by our excellent and dedicated faculty. Our full-time faculty are active in a wide variety of regional, national, and international research areas, and our part-time faculty have distinguished themselves as leading professionals in their fields.

Our student and alumni are our first priority and our greatest source of pride. Even before completing their academic programs, our students are making meaningful contributions through internships, fellowships, service-learning projects and community service. Graduates of the program go on to work in federal, state, and local government, as well as nonprofits locally and across the globe.

Whether you are a student looking to further your education and enhance your career, or a community organization looking to partner with our students and faculty, we look forward to assisting you realize your goals.

Dr. Sharon Wrobel
Associate Professor and Chair

Nationally Ranked



U.S. News & World Report Ranking

Best Graduate Public Affairs Programs

University of Memphis is proudly ranked at #114

Join the Next Generation of
Public and Nonprofit Leaders



Master of Public Administration



Program Features

- In-person and online courses
- Complete in as little as four semesters
- Concentrations
 - Nonprofit Administration
 - Urban Management
- Fully Accredited by NASPAA

Develop critical thinking and analytical skills necessary for effective management and leadership in today's public and nonprofit sectors



Master of Nonprofit Management



Program Features

- Fully online program
- Complete in as little as four semesters
- Three Tracks
 - Nonprofit Management
 - Fundraising and Philanthropy
 - Social Justice

Preparing and empowering nonprofit leaders with the theoretical and practical knowledge to transform organizations and address complex social problems.



Graduate Certificate in **Local Government Management**

Program Features

- 15 credit hour program
- Complete in 12-18 months
- In-person and online classes
- knowledge and management skills for mayors, managers, department heads, supervisors, and other local government professionals

A photograph of three people in professional business attire. In the foreground, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue blazer over a black turtleneck, is smiling warmly at the camera. Behind her, a man in a dark suit and white shirt is also smiling, looking down at some papers. To the left, another man in a dark suit is partially visible, also smiling. They appear to be in a collaborative work environment.

Graduate Certificate in **Philanthropy & Nonprofit Leadership**

Program Features

- 15 credit hour program
- Complete in 12-18 months
- In-person and online classes
- Ideal for nonprofit professionals, community volunteer leaders and philanthropist.

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Our programs are tightly linked in the Memphis community. Memphis is our laboratory for learning and doing. We connect our students to a large network of government and nonprofit partners through classes, internships, and special projects.





Select A Degree That Can REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Our programs have a great track record of placing our graduates in nonprofit and government organizations here in Memphis and beyond. In addition, the University provides career development resources and services to all students.

Here is a sample of where some of our alums are working today:

- Overton Park Conservancy
- United Way
- University of Nebraska – Lincoln
- Town of Collierville
- University of Memphis
- State of Tennessee
- Career & Leadership Development Institute, Kenya
- American Heart Association
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Shelby County Schools
- Seeding Success
- San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance
- Cornell University
- Methodist LeBonheur Community Outreach
- Neighborhood Preservation, Inc.
- ALSAC/St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

Financial Assistance

- We offer a limited number of graduate assistantships each year
- 20 hours of work per week is required
- Assistantships cover nine credit hours per semester (fall and spring)
- Monthly stipend for fall and spring semesters
- Federal workstudy funds may also be available to you (not available to international students under an F-1 visa)



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