OUR PROGRAM

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) program is the premier graduate program in the United States and throughout the world for preparing deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing professionals for public service and careers in government and nonprofit organizations. The MPA program provides a variety of courses to prepare future leaders, including but not limited to, budgeting, strategic leadership, nonprofit management, and social equity. Course offerings are constantly refined to keep them relevant and interesting.

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Graduate school is about learning and professional networking. Student-professor interaction is central to our courses. The MPA program also offers evening and online courses so students can work full-time or complete internships during business hours. With so many government agencies and nonprofit organizations in the Washington, D.C. area, this is a uniquely special place to find public sector internships! Throughout their time in the program, students network and develop important relationships that will last throughout their careers in public service.

“The faculty and staff at Gallaudet University truly believe in you and the curriculum is designed to help you successfully complete your program. There is nothing like engaging in a small, close-knit cohort that continuously supports each other along the way. The skills and knowledge I have gained through this program have qualified me for so many incredible professional opportunities.”
- Sabina Shysh, G-’21, Arizona

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ABOUT US

We use an exciting and challenging curriculum to prepare students for careers in government and nonprofit organizations. Public service is about working together to address difficult problems and make our communities stronger. Our faculty are highly productive researchers bringing the most recent trends in public administration to the classroom. We value high-quality teaching and learning through American Sign Language and English in all classes.

FACULTY SPECIALIZATIONS

Dr. Geoffrey Whitebread
Program Director, Assistant Professor
Bilingual (ASL/English) teaching; statistics and qualitative analysis; intersectional identities in the public sphere; experiences and services for Deaf people/people with disabilities

Dr. Stephanie Dolamore
Assistant Professor
National guidelines for public administration curriculum; social justice in the public sector; grant-funded program evaluations; cultivating empathy in government and nonprofit organizations

Dr. Hao Sun
Assistant Professor
Research methodology and data analysis; academia, public service, and policy; public administration and economics; grant-funded collaborative research on public policy

“Having great MPA professors with extensive experience in the 21st century world opened my mind. If you want to change the world for the better, Gallaudet is the right place for opportunities to learn how to use tools, resources, and other people in order to impact the world!”
- Min Woo Lee, Maryland

“I am very thankful to have been a part of Gallaudet University’s MPA program. The faculty were very supportive and are clearly leaders in the field of public administration. My MPA degree has definitely opened doors for me and empowered me to pursue my dreams.”
- Jessica Fein, G-'21, Oregon

CAREER OUTLOOK

Our graduates work in a variety of jobs as specialists, auditors, analysts, and managers at various state and federal agencies.

Here are some examples of agencies our graduates have worked at:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- U.S. Department of the Treasury
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)
- Department of Defense
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Homeland Security
- U.S. Postal Service
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

Our graduates also work in nonprofit organizations at the regional, national, or international level. Many nonprofit organizations also specifically serve the Deaf community, so there are plenty of opportunities for those who want to continue to contribute to the development of the Deaf community.