Master of Public Administration
Mission Statement

Seattle University’s Master of Public Administration program educates public service professionals primarily in the Pacific Northwest. We develop our students’ leadership and administrative potential to address public problems in the government and nonprofit sectors. Our program is guided by the following values, consistent with Seattle University’s Jesuit tradition.

- Social justice and the engagement of diverse communities through policy and service
- Ethical standards of accountability, integrity and transparency in pursuing the public interest
- Positive relationships that foster respect and fairness for colleagues and community members

In our program, students will learn:

- Practical skills to address organizational problems
- Management and leadership skills that incorporate collaboration, teamwork and self-reflection
- Oral and written communication skills that emphasize cogency and professionalism
- Critical thinking skills to competently develop and design empirical research and engage in logical analysis
- Skills and expertise to be more effective participants and advocates in the public policy process.