

## BS/BA/MPA Program Description

The MPA degree at Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) prepares students for public administration positions in public and nonprofit sectors. The MPA curriculum combines public service values with knowledge and skills for leading and managing effective and accountable organizations. The BA/BS/MPA degree is especially suited to public service majors as well as other arts and sciences undergraduates.

Applicants for the BA/BS/MPA degree need to complete their general education requirements, have a GPA of 3.2 or higher, and be entering their junior year. Qualified applicants take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and apply to the MPA program during the first semester of their junior year and complete MPA graduate application requirements, including personal statement, GRE, and three letters of recommendation. The Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) notifies successful applicants of acceptance before the end of the junior year.

Once accepted into the 42-credit MPA degree program, students take 12 credits of graduate MPA courses during their senior undergraduate year. Graduate courses available to accepted undergraduates include:

- 20:834:501 Introduction to Public Administration (3 credits)
- 20:834:521 Technology and Public Administration (3 credits)
- 20:834:541 Political Economy and Public Administration (3 credits)
- 20:834:515 Administrative Morality (3 credits)
- 20:834:522 Public Organizations (3 credits)
- 20:834:523 Human Resources Administration

These graduate courses may be taken during the summer following the junior year and during the senior year. MPA courses taken as an undergraduate are charged at the undergraduate tuition rate and are double-counted for undergraduate and graduate credits. After receiving their undergraduate degree, students continue in the MPA degree, taking MPA courses until they complete the additional credits of required and specialization courses to complete the 42 credit degree. Post BA/BS degree credits carry the graduate tuition rate.