



MPA in Sustainable Management

Overview

In this volatile economic, social, and ecological landscape, there is unprecedented opportunity for skilled leaders to rethink public administration and create innovative and effective solutions for today’s challenges. Presidio School of Management, a proven leader with its groundbreaking MBA in Sustainable Management, has created a Master of Public Administration to prepare professionals for careers in public service that lead and transform organizations in a sustainable way.

Presidio’s program provides students with the skills to think systemically in addressing our most compelling issues, and act pragmatically in creating policies and solutions. Going beyond a traditional MPA, our program enriches students with the competencies and courage to shift policy in ways that both benefit society and create lasting change through a more sustainable framework.

Modeled after the successful Presidio MBA in Sustainable Management, the MPA integrates sustainability, leadership

and systems-thinking into every aspect of the curriculum.

Presidio’s approach to integration is particularly relevant to the MPA degree, given public administrators’ interconnected requirements to manage all resources more effectively and more equitably. Graduates will gain the practical skills, knowledge and insight into applying the principles of sustainable management across the public, nonprofit and private sectors - within both domestic and international arenas.

MPA in Sustainable Management – Integrated Core Curriculum

1st Semester	Principles of Sustainable Management	Introduction to Public Administration and Policy	Effective Management, Communication and Action	Civic Leadership, Decision-Making and Systems Thinking
2nd Semester	Business, Government and Civil Society	Research Methods and Policy Evaluation	Managerial Economics	Human Resources and Management Ethics
3rd Semester	Sustainable Development: Local and Global Institutions	Public Sector Finance	Ecological and Macroeconomics	Culture: Values and Ethics
4th Semester	Economics, Capital Markets and the Law	Implementation of Sustainable Public Administration Practices	Information Management, Technology and Policy	Integrative Capstone Plan

**program curriculum subject to change*

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Innovative Approach

The two-year, full-time program emphasizes action-oriented learning with a requirement to complete multiple public or civic projects, as well as, a final integrated Capstone project. The Presidio MPA combines the effectiveness of face-to-face learning with the convenience and efficiency of online learning. Each semester is composed of one four-day weekend per month of intensive classroom learning plus collaborative learning in a rich, interactive online environment. Part-time students take two classes per semester and complete the program in four years.

Presidio Difference

As one of the first graduate schools to focus exclusively on sustainability, Presidio is a leader in educational programs that fully integrate sustainable management in all courses. Graduates across all our programs are prepared to lead organizations in ways that are socially and environmentally responsible and financially successful. The Presidio community features faculty who are thought leaders, practitioners and academics, as well as a thriving, diverse student body and alumni network.

Dual Degree in Sustainable Management

Presidio offers students the ability to earn a dual master's degree in sustainable management in both business administration and public administration. This unique dual MBA/MPA program prepares students for roles that straddle the blurring line between the public and private sector.

Location

The school is located in San Francisco, an international hub for sustainable business and policy.

Presidio incorporates sustainability into every course through its systems-thinking approach which involves looking at problems as a whole, and designing solutions that take into account the interrelationships among human, organizational and ecological systems.

Applications are currently being accepted for Fall 2009

Tuition

2009-2010 Academic Year

Full-time: \$23,940 Part-Time: \$11,970

Students are responsible for their own meals, lodging and transportation during the residency weekends.

Class Schedule Fall 2009

August 27-30	1st Residency
September 24-27	2nd Residency
October 22-25	3rd Residency
November 19-22	4th Residency
December 17-20	5th Residency