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Section 1: Hello Returning, New & Prospective MPA Students, Welcome to CSUB, BPA, PPA

Thank you for your interest in the Department of Public Policy and Administration (PPA), School of Business and Public Administration
California State University, Bakersfield

In Bakersfield, the PPA Department offers three degree programs, and several undergraduate options:

- **Masters of Public Administration (MPA)**
  - General Public Administration;
  - Specializations in Nonprofit Management; or,
  - Concentration in Health Care Administration

- **Masters of Science -Health Care Administration (MS-HCA)**

- **Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration (BA)**
  Also, available to undergraduates:
  - Regular [Minor in Public Administration](#) for majors across the university;
  - “Fast Track” to the MPA for any undergrad planning to pursue MPA graduate education, ask us about how as a senior you can take and satisfy up to 2 of our 4 MPA Foundation courses, PPA 4010, 4038, 5000 or 5020;
  - Concentration in Public Administration is now available to undergraduate in the Business Administration (BS) program.
  - Concentration in Health Care Management is now available to undergraduate in the Business Administration (BS) program.

For your quick reference, we encourage you to visit these links to CSUB:

CSUB Home Page:
[http://www.csub.edu/](http://www.csub.edu/)

School of Business & Public Administration
[http://www.csub.edu/bpa/](http://www.csub.edu/bpa/)

School of BPA, PPA Department, MPA program web page:
[https://bpa.csub.edu/departments/Department-of-Public-Policy-and-Administration.html](https://bpa.csub.edu/departments/Department-of-Public-Policy-and-Administration.html)

There, you can find current information on:

- BPA Degree Programs, including the MPA & MPA Handbook
- BPA Student Services, i.e. course registration, requirements, advising, etc.
- Internships and Job Center
- Community Engagement
- Also, Events; BPA Newsletter; and Social Media
Section 2: FAQ’s – New Applicants & Returning Students, Frequently Asked Questions

- Apply to CSU online at CSUMentor: https://secure.csumentor.edu/admissionapp/

- For fall admissions to CSUB’s MPA, you should apply by April 15 for priority consideration; or, before June 15 for late consideration.

- When apply for Post-baccalaureate (Graduate) admissions, indicate the MPA as your degree objective, this will signal the Graduate Admission Office to send your file to us for review.

- ADMISSIONS CRITERIA - Be sure to review carefully the Admissions Criteria for CSUB and for the MPA programs in the official catalog. However, in general:
  
  1. Possession of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university;
  2. CLASSIFIED Admission - Requires a cumulative undergraduate GPA = 3.00+;
  3. CONDITIONAL (probationary) Admission - For students with cumulative undergraduate GPA under 3.00, the program does consider Conditional admissions. Conditional consideration is offered to recent bachelorette students with GPA 2.75-2.99; Also, for some applicants with GPA 2.500-2.99, for who their undergraduate degree may have been received a number of years ago or who have significant professional experience.
  4. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (at least one academic) are also required. The letters should speak to the student’s preparation for graduate study or professional promise.
  5. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - Applicants whose preparatory education is principally in a language other than English, a TOEFL score of 550 or higher (or 213 on the new conversation scale for the computer-based TOEFL exam) is required.
  6. PERSONAL STATEMENT – All applicants shall submit a thoughtful and well written Personal Statement, generally not longer than two pages, i.e. introducing yourself, and indicating academic and careers goals as related to the MPA and public services. In addition to assessing interest in the MPA, this serves as a writing sample.
  7. RESUME – All applicants shall submit a complete and professional resume, i.e. a listing of educational achievements; work and other professional experiences in the public, nonprofit or business sectors; and, list of honors or special experiences. In addition to assessing the applicant’s professional writing skills, the resume is used to help assess the need for an internship.

- The Department does not require the GRE for graduate admissions;

- Most are offered in the evening, some on Saturday mornings, to accommodate working students.

- Registration Fees: http://www.csub.edu/bas/fiscal/studaccount/student%20financial%20services/registration%20fees/

- Financial Aid & Scholarships  http://www.csub.edu/FinAid/

- International Students and Programs: http://www.csub.edu/isp/
• Post-baccalaureate TOEFL Requirement [http://www.csub.edu/admissions/apply/graduate/](http://www.csub.edu/admissions/apply/graduate/)

• Center for Career Education & Community Engagement (CECE), i.e. campus-wide careers services, job search, internships, resume writing, interviewing, etc. [http://www.csub.edu/cece/](http://www.csub.edu/cece/)

• CSUB Academic Integrity Policy, i.e. academic dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism, etc. [http://www.csub.edu/osrr/academic%20integrity%20/](http://www.csub.edu/osrr/academic%20integrity%20/)
Section 3: Faculty & Advising Contacts*

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Dr. Jinping Sun, Professor, Chair
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For more information regarding application and course registration processes:

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BPA-MBA Office
(661) 654-2780 ebbautista@csub.edu

Ms. Belen Mendiola, MS-HCA Academic Advisor
BPA Student Services Center
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Ms. Renee Rugnai-Lopez, M.S.
CSUB Graduate Admissions Coordinator
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To contact the PPA Department office:

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(661) 654-3406 smoreint@csub.edu

NOTE:

* Each student, upon being admitted is provided with a Runner (Outlook) email account. While you can set Outlook to forward to your personal email account, when contacting faculty and staff, always use Outlook as that is CSUB’s primary communication mode.
Section 4: MPA Mission statement; and, NASPAA, MPA Accreditation

The MPA program will foster and enhance critical thinking, communication, management, a public service perspective, and engagement in the policy process among present and future managers in government, nonprofit, and health care organizations within the San Joaquin Valley. The critical skills learned from this curriculum will ensure that managers in the government, nonprofit, and health care sectors exercise governance in an inclusive and socially responsible manner.

I. MPA Student Learning Outcomes

Communication and Relationship Management
The student will communicate and interact productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry.

Critical Thinking and Analytical Reasoning
The student will analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions.

Management and Leadership
The student will lead and manage in public governance.

Public Service Perspective
The student will articulate and apply a public service perspective.

Policy Process Engagement
The student will participate in and contribute to the policy process

II. MPA Specialization in Nonprofit Management
The student will learn and demonstrate functional competence in nonprofit management.

- Knowledge of the nonprofit sector, voluntary action and philanthropy.
- Strategies for engaging in advocacy and social change.
- Assessment of the operational and fiscal health of an organization.
- Creation of grant-writing and fundraising strategies for an organization.

III. MPA Specialization in Health Care Management
The student will learn and demonstrate functional competence in health care management.

- Knowledge of the Environment
- Operations Management and Analysis
- Governance and Strategy Formulation
- Assessment, Evaluation, and other Oversight Activities

“CSUB’s MPA degree program is the only NASPAA accredited program within a 100-mile radius of Bakersfield.”

“When it comes to your education, quality matters.”

Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration
http://www.naspaa.org/
Section 5: Departmental Ethics Statement

Ethics Matter:

The Department of Public Policy and Administration, School of Business and Public Administration, California State University, Bakersfield.

As an applied academic professional program, our purpose is to prepare competent, ethical and effective public, nonprofit, and health care managers and leaders to advance the public service.


Section 6: MPA Masters Papers available online from the Walter W. Stiern Library

Link to Walter W. Stiern Library, click here

http://voyager.lib.csub.edu/vwebv/search?searchArg1=thesis&argType1=all&searchCode1=SERI&combine2=and&searchArg2=administration&argType2=all&searchCode2=GKEY&combine3=and&searchArg3=&argType3=all&searchCode3=TSUB&fromYear=&toYear=&location=all&type=all&language=all&recCount=50&searchType=2&page.search.search.button=Search
Section 7: MPA Program Outline & Advising Checklist (Revised: May ’16)

Graduate Core and Elective requirements
New semester courses numbers, with (former quarter system numbers)

___ PPA 4010 (401) - Analytical Methods in Administration (Foundation Course)
___ PPA 5000 (491) - Survey of Public Administration (Foundation Course)
___ PPA 5020 (492) - Program Evaluation (Foundation Course)
___ PPA 4038 (493) - Public Policy-Making Process (Foundation Course)

___ PPA 6100 (610) - Public Human Resources Administration
___ PPA 6110 (611) - Public Finance & Budgeting
___ PPA 6520 (680) - Public Management & Organizational Change
___ PPA 6530 (691) - Policy Analysis
___ PPA 6980 (698) - Master’s Paper

Electives (3 required)

___ 1st Elective:
___ 2nd Elective:
___ 3rd Elective:

Internship, may be [ ] Required, or, [ ] Waived

___ PPA 6860 (696) Internship

For more information regarding application, advising and course registration processes:

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Section 8: Fall & Spring Core Course Rotation Schedule Beginning AY 2017-2019

To assist with your MPA program planning, here is the Fall & Spring Course Rotation Schedule; and, Recommended Two-Year MPA Program Map (Revised Feb. ’17).

**Fall Core Courses** - semester courses (with former quarter system numbers)

- PPA 4010 (401) - Analytical Methods in Administration (Foundation Course)
- PPA 4038 (493) - Public Policy-Making Process (Foundation Course)
- PPA 5000 (491) - Survey of Public Administration (Foundation Course)
- PPA 5020 (492) - Program Evaluation (Foundation Course)
- PPA 6100 (610) - Public Human Resources Administration
- PPA 6520 (680) - Public Management & Organizational Change
- PPA 6530 (691) - Policy Analysis

PPA 6980 (698) - Master’s Paper; or, PPA 6990 – Case Study
Electives - TBA
PPA 6860 (696) - Internship (available) – should not be taken during your first semester

**Spring Core Courses** - semester courses (with former quarter system numbers)

- PPA 4010 (401) - Analytical Methods in Administration (Foundation Course)
- PPA 4038 (493) - Public Policy-Making Process (Foundation Course)
- PPA 5000 (491) - Survey of Public Administration (Foundation Course)
- PPA 5020 (492) - Program Evaluation (Foundation Course)
- PPA 6110 (611) - Public Finance & Budgeting

PPA 6980 (698) - Master’s Paper; or, PPA 6990 – Case Study
Electives - TBA
PPA 6860 (696) - Internship (available) – should not be taken during your first semester

**Electives** – A total of 3 are requires, these are TBA and may be taken Fall, Spring or Summer. MPA electives courses are usually listed at the 4000 or 5000 (400 or 500) level.
**Section 9: Recommended Two-Year MPA Program Map for students beginning the program in Fall (2017-2019)**

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**Section 10: Design your own Two-Three Year MPA Program Map**

For those transitioning from quarters to semesters or not on the 2-yr. map schedule above

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<td>Registration for New Students (for Fall Semester)</td>
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<td>Jun 13–16</td>
<td>Orientation for All Students (First-Time Freshmen &amp; Transfers for Summer Session &amp; Fall Semester)</td>
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- **August 17**: ALL FALL FACULTY DUE ON CAMPUS
- **August 22**: First Day of Classes
- **August 22**: Schedule Adjustment Begins
- **September 02**: Last Day to Add Classes
- **September 02**: Last Day to Change between Audit and Letter Grading
- **September 02**: Last Day of Schedule Adjustment Period
- **September 05**: HOLIDAY - Labor Day - Campus Closed
- **September 19**: Census Day
- **September 19**: Last Day to Change between Credit/No-credit and Letter Grading
- **September 19**: Last Day to Withdraw from Classes without a "W" being recorded; withdrawals from classes after this date and continuing through the next four - week period will be permitted only for serious and compelling reasons and require written approval by the Dean or Department Chair

- **October 17**: Academic Advising for Continuing Students (for Spring Semester)
- **October 19**: Campus - wide Emergency Evacuation Day
- **October 28**: Last Day to Apply for Fall 2017 Graduation ($70 fee)
- **October 31 – Jan 19**: Registration for Continuing Students (for Spring Semester)
- **November 04**: Last Day to Withdraw from Classes for a Serious and Compelling Reason
- **November 07**: Registration for New Students (for Spring Semester)
- **November 11**: HOLIDAY - Veteran's Day - Campus Closed
- **November 28**: SOCI Week
- **Nov 24 - 25**: HOLIDAY - Thanksgiving - Campus Closed
- **December 06**: Last Day of Classes
- **December 06**: Last Day to Submit Completed Master’s Thesis to Library
- **December 07**: Study/Reading Day
- **Dec 08 – 14**: Examination Period
- **December 09**: Last day to apply for Summer 2017 graduation ($70 fee)
- **Dec 15 – 16**: Evaluation Days
- **Dec 19 – 20**: Grades Due

**Fall Semester Break**: December 21, 2016 - January 19, 2017

* No course registration or enrollment on this day.
In addition to our Fall Semester listed above, CSUB's Extended University offers classes during Winter Intersession. The Intersession begins January 3, 2017 and lasts two weeks. Call the Extended University at (661) 654-2441 for detailed information regarding their course offerings and schedules.
CSUB Academic Calendar 2016/17

Spring Semester, 2017

October 17  Academic Advising for continuing students (for Spring Semester)
October 19  Campus-wide Emergency Evacuation Day
October 28  Last Day to Apply for Fall 2017 Graduation ($70 fee)
Oct 31–Jan 19 Registration for Continuing Students (for Spring Semester)
December 09  Last day to apply for Summer 2017 graduation ($70 fee)
January 16  HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Day - Campus Closed
January 19  Orientation for New Students
January 20  ALL FALL FACULTY DUE ON CAMPUS
January 23  First Day of Classes
January 23  Schedule Adjustment Begins
February 03  Last Day to Add Classes
February 03  Last Day to Change between Audit and Letter Grading
February 03  Last Day of Schedule Adjustment Period
February 17  Census Day
February 17  Last Day to Change between Credit/No - credit and Letter Grading
February 17  Last Day to Withdraw from Classes without a "W" being recorded; withdrawals from classes after this date and continuing through the next four - week period will be permitted only for serious and compelling reasons and require written approval by the Dean or Department Chair

Mar 30-Apr 21  Academic Advising for Continuing Students (for Summer Session and Fall Semester)
March 31  HOLIDAY - Cesar Chavez Day - Campus Closed
April 03  Academic Advising Begins (for Fall Semester)
April 05  Campus - wide Emergency Evacuation Day
April 07  Last Day to Withdraw from Classes for a Serious and Compelling Reason

Spring Semester Break: April 10, 2017 - April 14, 2017

Apr 24  Registration for Continuing Students (for Summer Session)
Apr 24-Aug 17  Registration for Continuing Students (for Fall Semester)
April 24  SOCI Week
April 28  Last Day to Apply for Spring 2018 Graduation ($70 fee)
April 29  Celebrate CSUB and Orientation* (for Summer Session & Fall Semester)
May 01  Academic Advising and Registration for New Students begins (for Fall Semester)
May 10  Last Day of Classes
May 10  Last Day to Submit Completed Master’s Thesis to Library
May 11  Study/Reading Day
May 12-18  Examination Period
May 19-20  Commencement
May 22-23  Evaluation Days
May 24-25  Grades Due

* No course registration or enrollment on this day.
Section 12: Internship Waiver Guidelines for MPA Students

All MPA students are required to fulfill the internship requirement to graduate. However, the internship requirement may be waived if a student meets one of the following criteria:

- at least one year of experience in a supervisory or managerial role in a public, health-care, or nonprofit organization;
- at least one year of experience as a specialist whose work is important to the public sector (example: consultant to a city department); or
- at least one year of experience in a supervisory or managerial role in the private sector. The student should show clearly how public administration education enabled him/her to become a better professional.

Request a waiver if you can justify you are qualified:

1. Write a letter to request the internship waiver:

Address the letter to Dr. Martinez, MPA Program Director, Department of Public Policy & Administration, California State University, Bakersfield. The letter should include the following information:

- Paragraph 1: Request a waiver and briefly explain why you are qualified for the waiver (including number of years of professional experience and types of organizations where you gained such experience).
- Paragraph 2: Describe recent positions, duties, projects, and tasks to show that:
  - You have managed people, budgets, or projects;
  - You have worked in teams that required the exercise of your professional knowledge (examples: nurse, social worker, city planner);
  - You have contributed to your organizations or projects in creative ways.
- Paragraph 3: Briefly describe any relevant past experience.
- Paragraph 4: State your current status in the MPA program and expected graduation date (for example: June 2017), and explain briefly how the MPA program contributes to your professional growth. Include your E-mail address and phone number for future contact.

2. Attach a current resume to your letter:

Your resume should include at least the following sections: your contact information, education, work experience, skills summary, and at least three references with their detailed contact information (including name, title, affiliation, street address, phone, fax, and email).

3. Send the letter and your resume to:

   Dr. Thomas Martinez, MPA Program Director  
   Department of Public Policy & Administration  
   California State University, Bakersfield  
   20 BDC  
   9001 Stockdale Highway  
   Bakersfield, CA 93311

You may also drop them off in BDC 104, or email them to Dr. Martinez at tmartinez@csub.edu.

4. Decision:

The PPA faculty will review your application and decide if you are qualified for the waiver. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Martinez at 661-654-3064 or by email at tmartinez@csub.edu
Students wishing to enroll in PPA 6980 (Masters Paper) or in PPA 6990 (Case Study Analysis) should, before registration week, print out or pick up this form, it is usually available online, on the MPA Handbook or on the bulletin board next to our faculty offices, near BDC Room #112.

The student shall complete the form and circulate it, requesting and securing the signatures of a First and Second Reader. The student shall then, as soon as possible during the registration period, return the form to Ms. Sonia Morentin the PPA Department’s Administrative Coordinator in BDC Room #217. She can be reached at smorentin@csub.edu or (661) 654-3406.

The PPA Administrative Coordinator shall make copies, i.e. one each for the student, First and Second Readers. The PPA Administrative Coordinator shall then forward the original to the BPA Student Services Center for the student’s registration.

**Student Contact Information**

Name: ___________________________ Student CSUB ID No.: __________

Cell Phone: _______________ Permanent E-Mail Address: _____________________________

**Course & Semester in which the student wishes to enroll:**

[ ] PPA 6990: Case Study Analysis

CRN# __________

[ ] PPA 6980: Masters Paper

CRN# __________

[Copies (4): Student, First Reader, Second Reader, PPA Department; BPA Student Services (Original)]
Section 14: Academic Probation & Academic Disqualification for Graduate Students

The CSUB policy on Academic Probation and Disqualification for graduate students, per the 2016-2018 catalog, can be found at the Division of Graduate Programs. The relevant section begins on page 199.


For convenience, the policy and our MPA draft letters on Academic Probation or Disqualification for graduate students reads as follows:

Dear:

As a [Conditional] Master of Public Administration student, Department of Public Policy and Administration, your cumulative grade point average is now below the 3.0 requirement. The university’s announced policy on Academic Probation and Academic Disqualification for graduate students reads as follows:

**Academic Probation for Graduate Students** -- In general, a graduate student shall be subject to academic probation at the end of any academic term where the student’s grade point average for all course work that is in the Plan of Study falls below a “B” (3.0) average. However, students admitted to a graduate program may be subject to academic probation when their performance is judged to be unsatisfactory with respect to the scholastic and/or professional standards established by the individual graduate program. This judgment of performance will be based upon a review by the graduate program coordinator and the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies. All graduate students are encouraged to consult with their respective graduate program coordinators regarding acceptable scholastic and/or professional standards established by the graduate program.

**Academic Disqualification for Graduate Students** -- A graduate student shall be subject to academic disqualification if, while on academic probation, the student fails to earn sufficient grade points necessary to be removed from scholastic probation status and attain a 3.00 GPA. Academic disqualification will be based upon the review and recommendation by the graduate program coordinator and the approval of the appropriate academic dean and the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies.

Pursuant to university policy, this is notification that I shall recommend to the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, that you be placed on [Academic Probation (or) Dismissed from the MPA] effective immediately. You are hereby advised to devote this semester to improving your cumulative GPA to a minimum of 3.0 though successful completion of courses in which you are currently enrolled or by successful completion of any outstanding Incomplete grade(s). Failure to do so shall result in your being Academically Disqualified from the MPA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Martinez, Ph.D.
MPA Director
Department of Public Policy and Administration
School of Business and Public Administration
California State University, Bakersfield

Cc: Associate Vice President for Academic Programs
Section 15: Pi Alpha Alpha, Global Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration

Pi Alpha Alpha is the Global Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration. There are more than 160 chapters located around the world at NASPAA member schools. Pi Alpha Alpha is run by NASPAA: *The Global Standard in Public Service Education* and is directed by the NASPAA Pi Alpha Alpha Special Ad Hoc Committee (Committee). Committee members are appointed by the NASPAA President for terms up to three years.

The purpose of Pi Alpha Alpha is to encourage and recognize outstanding scholarship and accomplishment in public affairs and administration. Its objectives, such as fostering integrity, professionalism, and effective performance, promote the advancement of quality in the education and practice of the art and science of public affairs and administration. PAA membership identifies those with the highest performance levels in educational programs preparing them for public service careers. For more information go to: [http://pialphaalpha.org/](http://pialphaalpha.org/)

Each spring, eligible CSUB MPA students are invited to join our Pi Alpha Alpha chapter. Generally, MPA students who have earned a GPA of 3.7+ are eligible to be inducted. An induction ceremony for students, friends and parents is held at Stockdale Country Club. We hope you are among them.

**2016 Pi Alpha Alpha Induction Ceremony**

Below, Left: 2016 Inductees
Below, Right: 2016-2017 Pi Alpha Alpha Chapter President *Courtney Clerico* presents a certificate to 2016 Outstanding MPA Graduate *Manuel Barrera*
Bottom: Past Pi Alpha Alpha inductees

**NOTE:** 2017 Pi Alpha Alpha Induction Ceremony, scheduled for Friday, April 28. Inquire with Sonia Morentin, in our PPA Office, BDC 217.
Section 16: MPA Graduate Hooding Ceremony

We look forward to soon see you in these photos.