

CO-OP + CAREER

HIRING CO-OP STUDENTS

Public Administration

You can hire UVic co-op students studying public administration for four-month work terms beginning in January and September.

Students are skilled, enthusiastic and ready to work for organizations like yours!



Master of Public Administration co-op student Annabelle Budd (left) worked for the BC Ministry of Health as a research and policy analyst.

How our students stand out

The UVic Master of Public Administration (MPA) program is grounded in a problem-based learning approach that helps students build competencies in strategic awareness, critical analysis, engagement and communication, professionalism and leadership. MPA students develop skills for effective, responsible management and policy analysis across the public and non-profit sectors. They work in the public sector in participatory, inclusive ways and learn to achieve better outcomes in public policy and governance processes to deliver services to citizens.

MPA courses

- + Government and Governance
- + Microeconomics for Policy Analysis
- + Data Analysis and Interpretation
- + Public Financial Management and Accountability
- + Collaboration and Engagement
- + Analysis for the Public and Non-Profit Sectors
- + Professional Integrity in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors
- + Public Leadership and Management
- + Policy-making and Policy Communities
- + Two co-op work terms
- + Two electives
- + Master's Project or Master's Thesis

Capstone project

The MPA program culminates in a client-focused capstone project (or Master's thesis), which may be combined with a co-op work term. The capstone project provides strategic options for a government agency, non-profit organization or community client on a real policy or management challenge. Students must review literature, undertake empirical work, use best practices, develop options and create plans to implement the recommended options.

Where our students work

On the job, MPA students contribute in diverse areas, including research, client services, program evaluation, policy analysis, event planning and cost-benefit studies. They are hired by employers in the public sector at the federal, provincial, or local government level, including agencies and commissions—in Victoria, across Canada and abroad. Employers in the non-profit and private sectors also hire our students.

Learn more about hiring a co-op student and how it can benefit your organization!

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