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Welcome to the MPA Program!

The MPA faculty would like to welcome all of the new graduate students to the University of Southern Indiana. If you are a new or special student this semester, please contact Dr. MT Morris for a copy of the MPA program's orientation packet. The packet, which was produced by the MPA Society, includes the degree checksheet, tips for surviving graduate school, and strategies for reading at the graduate level. In addition, any new student who would like to be assigned a "mentor" for the 2007-2008 academic year should send Dr. Morris an email at mhmorris@usi.edu.

MPA Program Announces New Course Rotation

The MPA program is pleased to announce the updated course rotation for the next two academic years. The new rotation of courses is in response to student requests for more summer courses. Furthermore, if a student enrolls in two classes each term, he or she will be able to earn a MPA in two years. In the future, students can access a copy of this schedule by consulting: <http://www.usi.edu/libarts/philpolsci/MPA/schedule.asp>.

Fall Semester 2007	Spring Semester 2008	Summer Session 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none">PA 609: BudgetingPA 615: Legal Aspects of Public AdministrationPA 695: Internship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PA 601: Organizational BehaviorPA 603: Technology Issues in Public AdministrationPA 695: Internship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PA 614: Interpersonal Communications within OrganizationsPA 644: Process AnalysisPA 695: Internship
Fall Semester 2008	Spring Semester 2009	Summer Session 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none">PA 611: Leadership SkillsPA 632: Public AdministrationPA 695: Internship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PA 618: Research MethodsPA 631: Fundraising and Volunteer AdministrationPA 695: Internship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PA 606: Public Personnel AdministrationPA 653: Ethics in Public AdministrationPA 695: Internship

The summer courses will be 15 week classes that start during the first summer session. Some of these courses will include a significant distance education component. In addition, several courses are already offered as hybrid distance education courses. These include, but are not limited to: PA 603, Tech Issues in Public Administration; PA 611, Leadership Skills; PA 631, Fundraising and Volunteer Administration; and PA 653, Ethics in Public Administration. Students should check the semester schedules for future distance education offerings. Finally, students who are interested in completing an internship in public administration should contact Dr. Brian Posler at bposler@usi.edu.

Grant Opportunities

The Graduate Student **Travel Grant Program** supports graduate student travel to conferences, meetings, exhibits, or performances where the student will present the results of a student project. Assistance up to \$1000 will be provided to help defray the costs of travel, per diem, and registration. **The deadline for submission is 2 weeks-2 months prior to travel.** Guidelines for the travel grants can be found at: <http://www.usi.edu/gradstud/pdf/travelgrant.pdf>.

In addition, MPA students are encouraged to apply for the Graduate Student **Research Grant Program** which supports independent, faculty-guided research efforts in all disciplines. The application deadline for this program is the eighth Friday of the fall and spring semesters. Policies, guidelines, and application forms are available at: <http://www.usi.edu/gradstud/pdf/researchgrant.pdf>.

These two grant programs are funded by the Lilly Intellectual Capital Initiative. Both grants are competitive student awards. Future updates for these grant programs can be found at: <http://www.usi.edu/gradstud/grants.asp>.

Reminder: Course Substitution Policy

As some of you may know, students in the MPA program have been allowed to substitute some courses in the Business School (CIS601, MNGT601, and MNGT611) for MPA courses. However, with the growth of the MBA program most of the seats in these courses must be reserved for students in the MBA program. In the future, students in the MPA program will not be allowed to enroll in courses in the Business School without the permission of both the Director of the MPA program and the Director of the MBA program. **Please do not seek to enroll in any course in the Business School without obtaining written permission from both these individuals.**

Graduating in December 2007 or May 2008?

Attention Current MPA Students! If you will be graduating in **December 2007** or **May 2008**, please make an appointment to see Dr. Morris if you haven't already done so about completing your graduation checkout sheet. During this meeting, Dr. Morris will discuss your course schedule for the next year and will complete the required form.

Taking the GRE

Individuals applying for regular admission to the MPA program are required to take the GRE. This test is offered through Prometric Testing Center, Hebron Office Plaza, 923 S. Kenmore, Evansville, IN 47714. Call the center at 812-479-6855 to register for the test. Available test times are Mondays through Fridays are 8:00 AM and noon, and on Saturdays at 8:00 AM only. USI's **GRE** code is R1335. Free practice tests can be downloaded from <http://www.gre.org>.

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- For information about the University of Southern Indiana's Graduate Student Policies, see the Graduate Studies website at: <http://www.usi.edu/gradstud/policies.asp>.
- Admission requirements for the MPA program are at: <http://www.usi.edu/libarts/philpolsci/mpa/requirements.asp>.

About the MPA @ USI

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) is the primary graduate degree sought by current and future administrators in government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, and heavily regulated private corporations. The curriculum consists of twelve graduate courses. Courses emphasize practical applications of skills and knowledge relevant to problems confronting administrators working in government agencies and not-for-profit organizations in southwestern Indiana. Since most MPA students are working professionals attending school part-time, most courses meet one evening each week during fall and spring semesters. Some courses are also offered in the summer or can be taken online as distance education courses. See our home page at: <http://www.usi.edu/libarts/philpolsci/MPA/>.

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