

Marist College

Executive Masters in Public Administration Program for Leaders in Public Service

About Marist College

Marist College is located on a 150-acre campus that overlooks the majestic Hudson River midway between New York City and Albany, in Poughkeepsie, New York. Founded in 1929, the College is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Higher Education, and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Marist enjoys a reputation as one of the leading colleges of the arts and sciences in the Northeast.

Executive Masters in Public Administration Program

Marist College has offered a Master of Public Administration degree since 1980 and, for many years, has partnered with police agencies around New York State to bring the Master of Public Administration program directly on-site to their respective academies.

Marist's unique Executive MPA program is designed exclusively for leaders employed in the field of criminal justice or public service and combines the accelerated scheduling and reduced pricing structure of Marist's highly successful on-site contract cohort model with the flexibility and convenience of Marist's iLearn collaborative online course delivery system.

Program Structure

The Executive MPA program is comprised of 33 credits of graduate coursework (11 courses), and 3 1-credit "residencies" for a total of 36 credits. Students will relate the topics and projects within each course to their field of interest. Courses are 8-weeks long and scheduled sequentially at a rate of 2 courses per semester in the fall and spring terms, and 2 courses that will run concurrently in the summer. Semester breaks are included. The entire graduate degree program will be completed within 2 years.

The program will begin with a 3-day Orientation and Welcoming residency in May 2009 on the Marist College main campus in Poughkeepsie, New York. It will conclude at the capstone presentation (final residency) during commencement week in May 2011. A third residency will require the student to attend and to report on an approved professional conference or meeting during the program.

Students will be brought together at each residency to foster collaborative working and learning and, as a by-product, help to establish a larger network of law enforcement professionals throughout the United States.

Students in the Executive MPA will complete the following 3- credit courses:

MPA 500 Introduction to Public Administration
MPA 501 Politics and Policy
MPA 503 Public Budgeting
MPA 505 Management in Public Organizations

MPA 506 Administrative Law
MPA 507 Information Technology
MPA 508 Research Methods & Statistics
MPA 513 Program Planning & Evaluation
MPA 530 Managing Organizational Change
MPA616Global Issues in Public Administration
MPA 699 Seminar in Public Administration

For detailed course descriptions, please visit www.Marist.edu/MPA

Admissions Requirements

Admission to the Executive MPA is highly selective and will be limited to 35 to 50 students. Applicants with an earned master's degree or who have achieved an undergraduate GPA of 3.5 or higher will be immediately admitted. For other candidates the admissions committee takes a holistic view, taking into account prior academic achievement, professional experience, professional recommendations, and test scores (if necessary).

To qualify for the Executive MPA degree, a student must complete 33 credits of graduate coursework and 3 1-credit residencies over a 2 year period.

A personal computer or laptop with high speed internet connection is required to complete this program. All candidates will start the program with MPA 500 - Introduction to Public Administration and an on-campus residency; and conclude the program with the capstone course MPA 699 - Seminar in Public Administration and 2-3 day final residency. All students must take the capstone course during his/her final semester in the program and must be in good academic standing to enroll in the course. The final seminar is a full-semester (15-week) course.

Tuition and Applications

Tuition for the Executive MPA program will be fixed from May 2009 - April 2011 at \$999 per 3-credit course for members of select public service agencies, less than half the cost of the regular MPA program tuition (currently \$2,085 per 3-credit course). Books, travel and lodging for residencies are the responsibility of the student.

For complete scheduling information, application, and other information, please contact:

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