

PUBLIC SAFETY LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION (MPLA)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Behavioral and Social Sciences

ABSTRACT

The Master of Professional Studies in Public Safety Leadership and Administration provides advanced leadership training to personnel working in the area of public safety, including professions in law enforcement, first response, social services, or administrative agencies coordinating with the judicial system. The curriculum combines lessons in organizational leadership, cultural competency, law enforcement, criminal justice, and data interpretation to prepare law enforcement and public safety professionals for leadership roles. Students will be trained on evaluating organizations for best practices, implementing policies that impact the capacity to lead organizations, and understanding social interaction and human behavior to solve complex problems. A student successfully completing this degree will be able to evaluate their organization, provide innovative recommendations, rationally evaluate data and statistics, and more deftly manage interpersonal conflict.

This program is a collaboration between the University of Maryland-Baltimore Carey School of Law, the University of Maryland-College Park Department of Sociology, and the University of Maryland-College Park Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

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ADMISSIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- CV/Resume
- Writing Sample (optional)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline	Summer Deadline
Domestic Applicants			
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	July 26, 2024	December 20, 2023	
International Applicants			
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants	May 14, 2024	September 29, 2023	

For more admissions information or to apply to the program, please visit our Graduate School website (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying/>).

REQUIREMENTS

- Public Safety Leadership and Administration, Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/public-safety-leadership-mpla/public-safety-leadership-mps/>)