

MASTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (MPSA)

Program Overview

The Command College, in association with Columbus State University, provides a program of study that goes beyond what is currently available in public safety executive and management development courses, serving as a "graduate school" for public safety executives. To meet present and future training and educational needs of public safety executives, the Command College offers a study program that is distinctive, flexible and comprehensive.

Career Opportunities

Executive positions within Public Safety Administration

Program of Study

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Area 1 Program Core		
MPSA 6105	Leadership in Public Safety Administration	3
MPSA 6116	Human Resource Management and Development	3
MPSA 6126	Fiscal Management and Public Finance	3
MPSA 6136	Applied Research in Public Safety Administration	3
Area A Total		12
Area 2 Required Courses		
MPSA 6125	Organizational and Management Realities	3
MPSA 6146	Strategic Planning and Policy Development	3
MPSA 6156	Legal Issues and Trends in Public Safety Administration	3
Area 2 Total		9
Area 3 Program Electives		
Select five of the following:		15
MPSA 6127	Felony Task Force Management	
MPSA 6128	Internal Affairs	
MPSA 6129	Managing Marginal Employees	
MPSA 6131	Terrorism Response by Public Safety Managers I	
MPSA 6132	Terrorism Response by Public Safety Managers II	
MPSA 6135	Burden of Command: Leader vs. Manager	
MPSA 6137	Critical Incident Management	
MPSA 6138	Employment Process	
MPSA 6139	Essential Skills for Professional Management	
MPSA 6145	Media Relations	
MPSA 6147	Strategic Approach to Homeland Security for Public Safety Administrators	
MPSA 6148	Performance Appraisals and Evaluations	
MPSA 6555	Selected Topics in Public Safety Administration	
POLS 7177	National Security Policy	
Area 3 Total		15
Area 4 Exit Requirements		
MPSA 6000	Master in Public Safety Administration Comprehensive Examination	0

Area 4 Total	0
Total Credit Hours	36

Admission Requirements

Applicants must currently be in a supervisory or managerial position in a public safety agency, with significant responsibilities in the areas of management of personnel, interpretation of policies or supervision of other crucial agency functions.

Additional Program Requirements

The Command College brings together leaders in corporate and public management to provide public safety executives with intense training in the best available management theory and practice, to render innovative solutions to organizational problems and to address important issues in managing public service organizations effectively.

Students enrolled in Command College attend twelve (12) intensive cohort sessions of classes over a two-year period, completing 460 hours of classes divided into 40-hour modules:

- Leadership in Public Safety Administration
- Human Resource Management and Development
- Fiscal Management and Public Finance
- Legal Issues and Trends in Public Safety Administration
- Strategic Planning and Policy Development
- Organizational and Management Realities
- Research in Public Safety Administration
- Five (5) Auxiliary Courses

Completion of each module/course will provide POST training and 3 semester hours of academic credit.