



Common Questions and answers about the BA/MPA Honors Program

1. What is the BA/MPA Honors program?

The BA/MPA Honors program is a dual degree option offered through the Department of Public Administration, at Kean University. Students who are accepted into the program are able to jointly work on, and complete both their Bachelor's degree in Public Administration and their Master's in Public Administration degrees. This program reduces by a year or more, the amount of time a student would normally require to complete both of these degrees.

2. How does the BA/MPA program work?

Beginning in their junior or senior year, undergraduate students are allowed to enroll and complete four selected graduate PA courses. At the end of their senior year they receive their BA degree. At this point, instead of just beginning their MPA work, they are continuing the work they began as undergraduates thus finishing both their BA and MPA degrees a year sooner than they otherwise would.

3. How are the credits calculated in to this?

The four graduate classes that are taken as undergraduates do double duty. They are used in place of four upper division undergraduate PA electives in terms of meeting the BA degree requirements, and, they also meet four of the MPA program core course requirements as well.

4. What does it take to succeed in the BA/MPA program?

The program is suited for a small number of students who have demonstrated strong academic ability as an undergraduate; have the personal and professional maturity and self-motivation to handle graduate coursework; and who have well defined career goals and objectives such that they can benefit from graduate-level courses.

5. How and when do you apply for the BA/MPA program?

Students should begin preparing for the program as early as possible in order to be sure of meeting the necessary pre-requirements. Typically, a student would complete an application package (available from the Public Administration Department office) early in their junior year. Should they be accepted into the program they would begin their new program no later than the first quarter of their senior year.