"The MPA is an MBA for the public and nonprofit sectors—and those two sectors house the majority of our nation’s workforce. While the MBA focuses on business models and the bottom line, the MPA focuses on community leadership and the public good. This is the very reason I’m so passionate about this program: where else do you find a group of people eager to learn how to better serve the public and foster the greater good? Talk about community building! My students are inspiring."

— Meg Myers Morgan, Ph.D., MPA

Meg Myers Morgan, Ph.D., MPA, new resident faculty for the Master of Public Administration program at OU-Tulsa, is energetic and enthusiastic when talking about the MPA degree and the diverse opportunities it offers graduates. Here are some fast facts about the program and reasons why Professor Morgan encourages prospective students to consider it:

- The OU Master of Public Administration (MPA) is the preferred graduate degree of policy analysts, civil servants and non-profit leaders.

- Public Administration is a concentration area within the field of political science. It focuses on the implementation of public policy, the management of public programs and the structure and function of government and nonprofit agencies.

- The program, offered at all three OU campuses, takes two years to complete and offers two specialty concentrations: Public Policy and Nonprofit Management.

- OU offers a dual degree in Public Administration and Social Work, a winning combination. Social workers most often work in public or nonprofit agencies, so the MPA degree prepares them well for their work with those organizations and also allows them to move easily into administration or management.