

**Department of Public Affairs and Administration**  
**Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program Learning Outcomes**

**First,** Identify 3 to 5 Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs). These SLOs will be placed in the 2005-2006 online catalog.

**Second,** identify the methods for assessing each of these learning outcomes. They may be essays, recitals, quantitative exams, rubrics, etc.

**Outcome:** MPA graduates will be able to demonstrate the ability to understand core concepts and theories in public administration, that is, knowing the basic concepts in public administration and their fundamental theoretical presuppositions.

**Indicators:**

1. Be able to define, give examples, and demonstrate the relevance of the interpretive, phenomenological, hermeneutical basic orientations toward public administration.
2. Knowledge of key theorists in the field of public administration, including how their contributions enhance the field.

**Outcome:** MPA graduates will demonstrate an understanding of the role of theory in

