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08.17.2007 | Campus and Community, Students  "Our program is designed to serve early and mid-career professionals, and our graduates have gone on to leadership positions in all levels of government and a wide variety of nonprofit organizations," said Christopher M. Duncan, chair of the department of political science.

The program focuses on recognized public management skills including working in teams, interpersonal skills and organizational leadership capabilities, with most students attending on a part-time basis, Duncan said.

"We are dedicated to producing public servants who reflect the University's mission and values and bring those to their work in the public sector as talented and gifted servant leaders," he said.

Duncan said the program has been strengthened by a strong partnership with the Fitz Center for Leadership in Community, which initiates and sustains partnerships with urban neighborhoods, and has helped make UD a national leader in educating community builders through extensive partnerships.

"Through a collaboration with the Fitz Center, our MPA students have unique opportunities to connect their learning to the larger community and the real-world experiences of our faculty," Duncan said.

Founded in 1967, UD's MPA program is one of the oldest in the nation.

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