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## **NASPAA Accredits The American University in Cairo MPA and MPP**

*The American University in Cairo is the first non-US institution with two accredited programs*

**Washington, D.C., July 8, 2015-** The Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) announced the accreditation of two programs at The American University in Cairo (AUC). Both the Master of Public Administration (MPA) and the Master of Public Policy (MPP) degrees earned accreditation from NASPAA. This marks the first time a graduate program in Cairo and the Middle East has received accreditation from NASPAA's Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation. Both programs join a diverse global community of over 190 programs.

"The American University of Cairo has been a long time member of NASPAA, and has contributed greatly to our understanding of international public affairs education by convening panels and other NASPAA activities over the years. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate AUC for achieving NASPAA Accreditation", said Laurel McFarland, Executive Director of NASPAA.

"The School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the American University in a Cairo is elated that its Master of Public Policy and Master of Public Administration programs have been accredited by NASPAA", stated Nabil Fahmy, Dean of the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at The American University in Cairo. "The accreditation provides stellar, internationally recognized branding for our top quality programs facilitating the continuing attraction of the highest standards of faculty and aspiring students determined to make a difference in building a better future for their societies. This decision is particularly satisfying given that these programs were developed in times of turmoil in the Middle East. We welcome this announcement in recognition of our efforts and accept it as a responsibility upon us to further invigorate our quest towards establishing a strong culture of best public practices and good governance in our societies, embodying the highest standard of ethics, transparency and rule of law."

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The American University in Cairo was founded in 1919 by Americans devoted to education and service in the Middle East. Throughout its history, AUC has balanced a strong commitment to liberal education with a concern for the region's needs for practical applications and professional specializations. The university maintains its strong commitment to fostering understanding across world regions, cultures and religions. The MPA and MPP programs prepare students for leadership in upper management positions in public service, and for careers as policy analysts.

NASPAA accreditation is a rigorous peer review process open to programs across the globe. Its mission-based standards are the same for all programs and serve as quality benchmarks that emphasize outcomes assessment and a commitment to public service values. The accreditation process requires years of self-study, peer review and a demonstrated drive to improve program quality. Accredited programs measure student knowledge to identify opportunities to improve their program - ensuring that students are prepared and ready to be successful public service professionals.

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***NASPAA, the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration, is the global standard in public service education. It is the membership association of nearly 300 schools of public policy, public affairs, public administration and public & nonprofit management, located across the U.S. and in 15 other countries around the globe. NASPAA is also the recognized global accreditor of master's degree programs in these fields, having accredited over 190 programs from its member schools. NASPAA's twofold mission is to promote excellence in education and training for public service and to promote the ideal of public service.***

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