



University of Missouri–St. Louis  
**The Graduate School**

**Master of Public Policy Administration (MPPA)**

**Degree Program**

A minimum of 40 credit hours is required, consisting of a 28-hour core and a 12-hour specialization. Students must demonstrate competency in computer-based applications in the first semester by completing a computer proficiency examination. The core curriculum combines work in public administration and policy analysis and provides practice in qualitative and quantitative approaches to the field. Included in the 28-hour core is a one-credit Exit Project in which students analyze a policy or administrative program of their choice.

**Emphasis Areas**

Local Government Management; Managing Human Resources and Organizations; Nonprofit Organization Management; Policy Research and Analysis

**Program Website** <http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/mppa/progdes.html>

**Application Requirements**

1. Application

<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/future/how-to-apply.html>

2. Official transcripts from all universities attended

Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree before beginning the master's program.

3. Three Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation are required from persons qualified to evaluate the applicant's ability to do academic work, preferably current or former faculty.

4. Graduate Record Examination

GRE scores are not required. However, if you believe it would help your case, you are welcome to take the GRE and submit your scores. (<http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html>).

5. International students

International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.

6. Grade Point Average

Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale is required. Applicants with GPA below 3.0 will be considered on an individual basis.

7. Personal Statement

Please describe very clearly in two or three pages your individual goals and substantive areas of interest.

**Application Deadline (for domestic students)**

Fall admission: July 1    Winter/Spring admission: December 1    Summer – May 1

Applications are processed as they are submitted. However, applications that are not received by the posted date may delay admission until the following semester.

**Application fee**

\$35 (\$40 for international students)

**Graduate Program Director**

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