

More about our program

Our student body includes:

- Full- and part-time students
- International students
- Recent undergraduates and non-traditional students

Most of our courses are offered in the evenings (5:30 p.m. and after) to accommodate working students.

Our students and alumni include many current local government professionals.

About our faculty

Instructors for the LGM program include core faculty who hold joint appointments in public policy administration and related fields including economics, political science, and business administration, as well as adjunct faculty who work in local government.

Adjunct faculty bring considerable professional, educational, and teaching experience and play an important role in connecting our students with the professional community.



Mike McDowell (standing)
LGM Adjunct Faculty
City Administrator, Wentzville, MO

Don't take our word for it, here's what our alumni say...

"I knew that UMSL's program has produced many of the best city managers in the region and the program was very well respected."

- James Knowles, MPPA/LGM '07
Mayor, Ferguson, MO

"My internships have provided me with practical, hands-on experiences and skills that make me a better communicator, policy analyst and future public servant."

- Gabby Macaluso, MPPA/LGM '13



Jeff Roorda, MPPA/LGM '03
Missouri State Representative

The Public Policy Administration Program at UMSL participates in the Local Government Partnership, a collaborative effort between PPA, the Center for Ethics in Public Life at UMSL and the East-West Gateway Council of Governments

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT

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CERTIFICATE IN LGM LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT

"The program was a great choice for me. I had an MBA and was already working in local government but really needed the specialized knowledge that the Local Government Management Certificate curriculum provided."

Sandra Haynes, LGM Certificate '11
City Clerk, Des Peres, MO

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About the UMSL LGM Certificate

The Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management (LGM) is part of the Public Policy Administration Program at UMSL.

The LGM certificate is designed for those who are looking for a graduate-level credential that is specifically focused on the topics and skills necessary to succeed in the local government arena. Certificate students include elected and non-elected local government officials or those looking to move into local government careers who may already hold a graduate degree but need this more specialized knowledge.

The 18-credit hour graduate certificate includes 12 credit hours of required core courses, a 3-credit elective and a local government internship. If an internship waiver is granted, students will be required to take an additional 3-credit elective.



Eric Gilley, left, MPPA '11, LGM '12
Contract administrator, Jacobi Geotechnical Engineering, Inc.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

Core Courses (12 credit hours)

- Seminar in City Administration (PPA 6340)
or
Issues in Urban Management (PPA 6350)
- Proseminar in Urban Politics (POL SCI 6470)
or
Seminar in Urban Politics (POL SCI 6471)
- Human Resources in the Public Sector (PPA 6490)
- Governmental Budgeting & Financial Control (PPA 6180)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Students select a 3-credit-hour elective from an array of pre-approved courses in criminology, economics, political science, public policy administration and sociology according to their personal interests and career goals.

Internship (3 credit hours)

LGM certificate students are required to complete a 3-credit-hour local government internship. LGM students work with our internship coordinator to identify a placement in a local government setting which provides an individualized practical experience. In certain circumstances the internship may be waived. Students pursuing both a certificate and a master's degree may work with our internship coordinator to design an internship that meets the requirements for both credentials.

MASTER'S DEGREE

The LGM certificate can be taken as a stand-alone credential or in conjunction with a master's degree in Public Policy Administration. With advance planning, all 18 credit hours from the certificate can be applied to the MPPA. However, completion of the LGM certificate does not guarantee acceptance into the MPPA program, which requires a separate application.

ADMISSIONS

Requirements for admission to the certificate program include an undergraduate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or better; two letters of recommendation with at least one from a current or former college-level instructor; a two-page personal statement explaining the applicant's personal and professional goals.

For more information regarding admissions policies, see our website at www.umsl.edu/ppa or contact us at 314-516-5145.



Doug Harms, MPPA/LGM '82
City Administrator
Des Peres, MO