

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 professionals holding public sector and nonprofit positions and individuals seeking to enter these sectors.

Some research assistantships, which include tuition waivers, are available.

Admissions

Applicants to the MPPA program must have an undergraduate degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0 for admission to the Graduate School; some exceptions are possible.

In addition, a two- to three-page personal statement and three letters of recommendation are required, with at least one letter from a college-level instructor.

Applicants must demonstrate proficiency in college algebra or the equivalent.

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

"The curriculum and connections from the MPPA program have been invaluable in my ability to work across sectors on behalf of foundations and nonprofits in our community."

- Mary McMurtrey, MPPA, NPML Certificate '06
President, Gateway Center for Giving

"The degree certainly gave me the credentials and confidence to pursue local government leadership."

- John Butz, MPPA '91
City Administrator, Rolla, MO

"I am very proud that I can use my knowledge from my MPPA to make a positive contribution to the development process in a post-conflict nation like East Timor."

- Darmawan Triwibowo, MPPA '12
Organizational Development/Communication Advisor,
Progressio Timor Leste, East Timor

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"I use what I learned about program evaluation, budgeting, and research and analysis techniques on a regular basis to help me excel in my current position. The MPPA program's friendly and accessible faculty and staff made my experience both enjoyable and enlightening."

- Felicia Fette, MPPA '11
Presidential Management Fellow,
U.S. Department of Transportation

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About the UMSL MPPA Program

UMSL's Master of Public Policy Administration (MPPA) program uses an interdisciplinary approach to prepare students for careers in public policy, public administration, and nonprofit administration. We educate students to make informed policy decisions and to become leaders in improving our communities and society.

- Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA)
- The highest ranked graduate public affairs program in the St. Louis region by *U.S. News and World Report*
- Tuition rates are competitive



Jeff Roorda, MPPA '03
Former Missouri State Representative

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

The 40 credit-hour curriculum (28 hours of core courses and 12 hours of electives in the chosen emphasis area) combines work in public administration and policy analysis, training students in qualitative and quantitative approaches to the field. The curriculum is both rigorous and grounded in the real world. Internships related to the chosen emphasis area and a capstone course round out the experience.

Required Courses (28 hours)

- Public Administration
- Budgeting
- Policy Analysis
- Economics
- Organizational Behavior
- Statistics and Research Methods
- Information Technology
- Capstone course that uses the case study approach to analyze real world problems and offer solutions



Rachel D'Souza Siebert, MPPA and NPML Certificate '08
Manager, Habitat for Humanity Re-Store

Emphasis Area (12 hours of electives)

- Local Government Management
- Nonprofit Organization Management
- Policy Research and Analysis
- Managing Human Resources and Organizations
- Individualized Emphasis Area

Internships are required for those without substantial public sector experience.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

The Public Policy Administration Program offers two 18-credit-hour graduate certificates, which can be earned on a stand-alone basis, or in conjunction with the MPPA degree.

- Nonprofit Leadership and Management (NPML)
- Local Government Management (LGM)

ABOUT OUR FACULTY

MPPA core faculty hold joint appointments in public policy administration and related fields including economics, political science, and business administration.

Areas of expertise include gender and family policy; welfare and poverty; organizational behavior; urban and community development; public sector budgeting; nonprofit management; local government management; immigration; international economic development; and urban politics.

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

Adjunct faculty currently work as city managers, certified public accountants, municipal fiscal directors, and professional fundraisers.



Professor Anne Winkler,
Public Policy Administration
and Economics