

# UMSL | Graduate School

## Master of Public Policy Administration (MPPA)

### Degree Program

- The Master of Public Policy Administration (MPPA) is an interdisciplinary program designed to prepare students for managerial and policy analysis positions in the public and non-profit sectors or related organizations.
- The MPPA degree consists of 40 credit hours, 28 of which are taken as part of the core curriculum and 12 that are electives in an area of emphasis.
- The core curriculum combines work in public administration and policy analysis and provides practice in qualitative and quantitative approaches to the field.

### Emphasis Areas

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

### Program Website

<http://www.umsil.edu/ppa>

### Application Requirements

1. Application
  - a. <http://umsil.edu/go/Apply-Now>
2. Official transcripts from all universities attended
  - a. Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree before beginning the master's program.
3. Three Letters of Recommendation
  - a. Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation.
  - b. The letters should be from those who are familiar with your professional and/or academic skills.
  - c. At least one of the letters must be from a current or former college-level instructor.
4. Graduate Record Examination
  - a. 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>).
  - b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
5. Grade Point Average
  - a. Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale is required. Applicants with GPA below 3.0 will be considered on an individual basis.
6. Personal Statement
  - a. Please describe very clearly in two or three pages your individual goals and substantive areas of interest.

### Application Deadline (for domestic applicants)

**Fall admission:** July 1

**Spring admission:** December 1

**Summer admission:** 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 Deadline (for international applicants)

**Fall Semester:** May 1

**Spring Semester:** October 1

### Application fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

### Graduate Program Director

Dr. Daniel Sise

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