

Graduate Certificate Local Government Management

Program Requirements:

A minimum of 18 credit hours are required for the degree program.

- 12 hours of the 18 credit hours are core courses, 3 hours are chosen from a list of elective courses, and 3 hours are acquired through an internship (or a professional field experience equivalent to the internship)
 - Internship hours may be waived if student has sufficient professional experience in the field. Exemption request must be submitted in writing and approved by the Local Government Program Director and students must take another three hours of electives from courses listed above.
- The Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management is designed for current professional staff, elected or non-elected local government officials, and those who are interested in pursuing a career in the local government sector.
- The certificate can be taken by itself or in conjunction with the Master of Public Policy Administration degree or other graduate degree. A separate application for the certificate program may be required when students in a degree program wish to incorporate the certificate program.

Application Requirements:

1. [Online Graduate Application](#)
2. Official transcripts from all universities attended. A Bachelor's degree is required.
3. Entrance examinations:
 - a. International Students must document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination. See [International Admissions](#) for more information.
4. **Minimum GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale**
5. Letters of Recommendation: 2 letters of recommendation are required from individuals who can evaluate your recent academic performance.

Application Deadlines:

Domestic Applicants: Fall - July 1 ◊ Spring - 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 Fees:

\$50 for domestic applicants

\$40 for international applicants

Graduate Program Director:

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