

Graduate Certificate Policy and Program Evaluation

Program Requirements:

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

- Six-course sequence: 5 requires courses, 1 elective course
- The certificate may be taken in conjunction with 1) the master's in Public Policy Administration degree program, 2) the Master's in Social Work/Master's in Gerontology degree programs; or 3) the Master's in Economics.
- Students with sufficient job experience in program/policy evaluation may submit a written request to waive the Applied Evaluation Project requirement. If granted, this requirement will be replaced with a three-credit elective.
- Students pursuing a graduate degree along with the certificate should check with their graduate advisor regarding which courses will also count towards their degree.
- A maximum of two courses at the 4000 level can count towards the Certificate.
- At least 12 of the 18 credits must be taken in residence at UMSL.

Application Requirements:

1. [Online Graduate Application](#)
2. Statement of Purpose: A two-page statement explaining the applicant's educational and professional goals.
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended. A Bachelor's degree is required.
4. Entrance examinations:
 - a. International Students must document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination. See [International Admissions](#) for more information.
5. **Minimum GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale**
6. 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 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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