

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, 25 of which are taken as part of the core curriculum, and 15 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, Nonprofit Organization Management, Policy Research and Analysis, Individualized

Program Website: <https://www.umsl.edu/degrees/masters/mppa-public-policy.html>

Application Requirements

1. Application: <http://umsl.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 and Prior Coursework Considerations
 - a. Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale is required. Applicants with GPA below 3.0 will be considered on an individual basis.
 - b. Demonstrated proficiency in college algebra or the equivalent. Graduate coursework also will be taken into consideration. Applicants who do not meet this criteria may be admitted on a restricted basis and asked to satisfactorily complete a math proficiency test.
6. Personal Statement
 - a. Please describe very clearly in two or three pages your individual goals and substantive areas of interest.

Application Deadlines (for domestic applicants)

Fall admission: July 1 **Spring admission:** December 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 Deadlines (for international applicants)

Fall Semester: June 1 **Spring Semester:** October 1

Application fee

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

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