

Master of Public Administration

To function effectively, the public sector needs administrators who recognize that government must be efficient, effective, equitable, and accountable. The **Masters in Public Administration** degree is designed to give you the knowledge and skills to manage public sector organizations that work responsibly and excel at delivering necessary services.

At GSU, the MPA program prepares you to serve as citizens and as professional managers in administrative branches of government – federal, state, and local – as well as in community, human service, and other not-for-profit organizations. MPA course work focuses on budgeting, organizational behavior, public policy, public planning, information systems for managers, urban government, research methods, issues in public and private management, and human resource administration.

With your MPA, you will work as a city, state, or county manager; commissioner; agency director; politician; fire professional; or law enforcement officer.

Classes are available at various locations: on GSU's main campus, in cohorts located around the Chicago Southland, and at the James R. Thompson Center in downtown Chicago.

Learn More!

Take the next step. Contact an admissions counselor at **708.534.4490**.

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How to Apply

Apply for the GSU MPA program at **www.govst.edu/apply**.

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In a survey of city and county managers, **57.7 percent** of respondents said having a **Masters of Public Administration** degree would significantly **boost a candidate's chances of being hired** at their agency.*

Source: 2006 Survey of International City and County Management Association, National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.



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Special Admission Requirements

In addition to university admission requirements, applicants must submit the following documents to the College of Business and Public Administration as part of their application package:

1. Normally, applicants will be expected to have a 3.0 cumulative G.P.A. (on a 4.0 scale) in their last 60 credit hours;
2. Two confidential letters of recommendation from professional references (e.g. current or former college faculty member, current or former work supervisor, or community leader);
3. A two page, double-spaced statement of intent which discusses personal short- and long-term career goals, reasons for pursuing an MPA degree at this time and what about this particular program is going to help reach those goals. Please give specific personal examples of leadership and provide other pertinent information to help the committee select candidates who can benefit from and contribute to the program. The statement of intent offers applicants the opportunity to demonstrate writing and communication skills and supports candidacy for the MPA degree; and
4. A current resume.

I. Prerequisite Courses (9 – 12 Hours)

PADM 301 Introduction to Public Administration (3)

POLS 302 American National Government (3)

or

POLS 320 Local Governmental Systems (3)

3 – 6 hours of statistics:

MGMT 610 Foundations of Managerial Statistics (3)

or

STAT 361 Statistics for Management I (3)

and

STAT 362 Statistics for Management II (3)

II. Required Courses (33 Hours)

MIS 610 Information Systems for Managers* (3)

MGMT 810 Organizational Behavior in the Global Context (3)

MGMT 860 Issues in Public and Private Management (3)

PADM 802 Economic Analysis in Public Administration (3)

PADM 810 Seminar in Public Human Resource Administration (3)

PADM 812 Seminar in Public Budgeting (3)

PADM 820 Seminar in Urban Government (3)

PADM 840 Seminar in Public Policy (3)

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PADM 851 Seminar in Public Planning (3)

PADM 852 Seminar in Research Methods (3)

POLS 863 Seminar in American Institutions and Values (3)

* Another graduate MIS course approved by the MPA Program Director or the Division Chair in the absence of the Program Director may be substituted.

III. Master's Final Project (3 Hours)

Select one of the following:

PADM 855 Master's Research Paper (3)

PADM 865 Problems in Applied Public Management (3)

PADM 867 Master's Research Practicum (3)

Total - 36 Hours

Governors State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

This information is for reference only. For complete degree information, please refer to the current approved Governors State University catalog online at www.govst.edu/catalog.