MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The master of public administration degree (MPA) is the recognized professional degree in public administration, public management, and public service. GW's MPA is designed principally, but not exclusively, for those who are pursuing careers in public service. Graduates are employed in government agencies at all levels, national associations, public interest groups, research and consulting firms, and in the private sector.

The MPA degree program provides an opportunity to study management and policy issues in an intergovernmental and intersectoral context. The program focuses on developing critical intellectual capacities, sound analytical skills, and a sensitivity to the ethical and value concerns that are central to the traditions of the field of public administration.

Students in the MPA program may wish to explore opportunities to combine the master's with graduate certificates in budget and public finance (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/mpa-budget-public-finance/), nonprofit management (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/dual-mpa-and-nonprofit-management-gc/), and regulatory policy and practice (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/dual-mpa-and-regulatory-policy-practice-gc/).

Visit the MPA program website (https://tspppa.gwu.edu/master-public-administration) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences website for application requirements (https://columbian.gwu.edu/application-requirements).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

> Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Office of Graduate Studies
> The George Washington University
> 801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 107
> Washington DC 20052

For additional information about the admissions process visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (https://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate-admissions-faq) page.

Contact for questions:

askccas@gwu.edu
202-994-6210 (phone)
Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

This Bulletin covers the degree requirements for students matriculating in the current academic year. Students who matriculated before the current year can find their requirements in the relevant archived Bulletin (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/archives/).

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#regulationsgraduatetext).

40 credits, including 25 credits in required courses, at least 9 credits in a selected policy field, and at least 3 credits in elective courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
PPPA 6000	Perspectives on Public Values	
PPPA 6001	Introduction to Public Service and Administration	
PPPA 6002	Research Methods and Applied Statistics	
PPPA 6003	Economics for Public Decision Making	
PPPA 6004	Managing Public Organizations	
PPPA 6005	Public Budgeting, Revenue, and Expenditure Analysis	
PPPA 6006	Policy Analysis	
PPPA 6008	MPA/MPP Capstone *	
PPPA 6016	Public and Nonprofit Program Evaluation	
Policy field		
At least 9 credits in courses in a selected policy field. **		
Electives		
At least 3 credits in elective courses		

*Students completing their degree program at the end of the fall semester take PPPA 6008 (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/search/?P=PPPA+6008).

**Students should consult an advisor concerning policy fields.

COMBINED PROGRAMS

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- Dual Master of Public Administration and Graduate Certificate in budget and public finance (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/mpa-budget-public-finance/)

- Dual Master of Public Administration and Graduate Certificate in nonprofit management (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/dual-mpa-and-nonprofit-management-gc/)
- Dual Master of Public Administration and Graduate Certificate in regulatory policy and practice (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/dual-mpa-and-regulatory-policy-practice-gc/)
- Joint Master of Public Administration and Juris Doctor (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/dual-mpa-and-jd/)