

## 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:** <http://www.umsl.edu/ppa>

### **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:** May 1      **Spring Semester:** October 1

### **Application fee**

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

### **Graduate Program Director**

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