

# Master of Public Administration (MPA)

# College of Business & Public Administration

To function effectively, the public sector needs administrators who recognize that government must be efficient, effective, equitable, and accountable. The **Master of 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.

## Outstanding Preparation

The MPA program prepares you to serve as professional managers in administrative branches of government – local, county, state, and federal – 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.

## Unlimited Potential

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

## Fact

In a survey of city and county managers, **57.7 percent** of respondents said having a **Master 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)*

## Accessible Program

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

## Assurance of Quality

Program accreditation creates the impetus for relevancy and currency of our faculty, programs and courses to best serve our students.



## Learn More!

Take the next step. Contact an academic advisor today.

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## How to Apply

Visit the GSU Office of Admission or  
[www.govst.edu/apply](http://www.govst.edu/apply)

## Admission Requirements

1. Graduate Application
2. \$50 Application Fee
3. Current Resume
4. 2 Letters of Recommendation (sealed)  
(e.g. current or former college faculty member, current or former work supervisor, or community leader)
5. Statement of Intent  
(Discuss 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)

Note: Typically applicants will be expected to have a 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale in their last 60 hours to be considered for admission into the MPA program

## Send admission materials in one packet:

Governors State University  
Office of Admission Processing  
1 University Parkway  
University Park, IL 60484

## International Students

For more information and additional admission requirements: [www.govst.edu/ois](http://www.govst.edu/ois)

## Degree Requirements

- Written Communication proficiency (B or better)
- MIS collegial proficiency exams  
(Students who passed the MIS undergraduate competency exams within the previous three years with 80% or higher will only be required to pass the remaining one exam with 80% or higher)

### I. Required Courses (33 Hours)

- Data Analysis for Public and Nonprofit Administration (3)
- Economic Analysis in Public Admin. (3)
- Ethics for Public Administrators (3)
- Political & Legal Frameworks for Public Administration (3)
- Public Finance (3)
- Public Organization Theory and Behavior (3)
- Public Sector Information Management (3)
- Seminar in Public Budgeting (3)
- Sem. in Public Human Resource Admin. (3)
- Seminar in Research Methods (3)
- Seminar in Strategic Public Planning (3)

### II. Select 3 of the following courses (9 Hours)

Note: at least 1 course must be a PADM course:\*

- Advanced Topics in Public Administration (3)
- Intergovernmental Relations (3)
- Internship (3)
- Labor Management Relations (3)
- Seminar in Urban Government (3)
- Seminar in Public Policy (3)

\*Other appropriate graduate classes may be approved by MPA Program Coordinator

### III. Master's Final Project (3 Hours)

Select one of the following (Grade of "B" or higher required to complete MPA program):

- Problems in Applied Public Management (3)
- Master's Research Paper (3)

## Total - 45 Hours

