

Department of Public Administration and Policy  
**MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**



**GWINNETT CAMPUS**



**Public Administration  
and Policy**  
*School of Public & International Affairs*  
**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA**

## ALUMNI COMMITTED TO PUBLIC SERVICE



“UGA’s MPA program provided me with invaluable experience in key elements of public administration that gave me a strong foundation as I began my career. As my roles in public service have grown and changed over the years, I’ve continued benefit from my time in the program and connections with a network of other alumni across the state, country, and globe.”  
-**Mercy Montgomery, Assistant City Manager, City of Chamblee, Georgia**

“The combination of my MPA with my work experience makes me more of a diverse candidate. I really think the MPA has helped me get to where I am in the government today.” -**Amelia Hines Dortch, State Public Affairs Specialist with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service**



“I chose the UGA MPA program because it has a tremendous reputation and is heralded as one of the nation’s best. And because it is offered at the Gwinnett campus, it is incredibly convenient.” -**Ted Pestorius, Deputy Director, Global Health Office of Management and Overseas Operations, CDC**

RANKINGS:  
BY THE NUMBERS

**3<sup>rd</sup>** | Nationally in  
**Public Finance  
and Budgeting\***

**3<sup>rd</sup>** | Nationally in  
**Public Management  
and Leadership\***

**5<sup>th</sup>** | Nationally in  
**Local Government\***

**Top  
10** | Nationally in  
**Public Affairs Masters  
Programs\***

*\*National Ranking by U.S. News and World Report 2022*

# CURRICULUM

A total of 41 semester hours are needed for the completion of the MPA program. A mandatory socialization sequence and five core courses introduce the student to the various fields of public administration and the economic foundations of public policy. In addition, two required courses in research methods assist students in developing a familiarity with quantitative techniques in public decision making. Students must also select six courses from a number of available elective specializations to complete their degree. Students can choose to complete the UGA MPA program on a full or part-time basis.

The following provides an outline of the MPA Curriculum:

**1. Socialization Seminar (1 semester hour)**

PADP 6980 Socialization Seminar

**2. Public Management Core (15 semester hours)**

PADP 6910 Public Administration and Democracy

PADP 6920 Public Personnel Administration

PADP 6930 Public Financial Administration

PADP 6950 Economic Foundations of Policy Analysis

PADP 6960 Public Management

**3. Research Methods Sequence (6 semester hours)**

PADP 7110 Research Methods in Public Administration

PADP 7120 Data Applications in Public Administration

**4. Elective Courses (18 semester hours)**

Six Classes taken outside of the core requirements toward a specialization or generalist degree

**5. Internship (may be waived with fulltime public service work experience)**

**6. Capstone Paper and Portfolio (1 semester hour)**

## GWINNETT CAMPUS: FOR ATLANTA PROFESSIONALS

You'll find MPA courses with the same faculty and resources as those at our home campus in Athens, but delivered at our convenient Gwinnett campus just off I-85, only 15 minutes from both downtown Duluth and Lawrenceville. Parking is on location and free. Most classes are small (about 15-20 students) and allow students to pursue an advanced degree while continuing to work full time. Two evening classes per semester (including summer) are offered at our Gwinnett campus. All MPA students may register for classes at either the Athens or Gwinnett campus to complete the program. Students attending full-time can expect to earn their MPA in two years, while part-time students typically do so in 2.5 to 3 years.



# GWINNETT CAMPUS: THE FACTS



**60,000**  
square feet

**21** state of the art  
classrooms

age range:  
**22-62**

approximate class size:

**15 students**

average age:

**35**

**61%**

of Gwinnett students  
are age 30 or older



## ADMISSIONS: THE PROCESS

To be considered for admission to the MPA program, students must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. No specific courses related to public administration are required prior to beginning the MPA program. A GRE waiver may be requested for those with 5 years work experience in the public or non-profit sector and an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### **Applicants should submit the following:**

- Graduate School application (\$75)
- Statement of Purpose
- GRE scores
- Copy of undergrad transcript
- Letters of recommendation (3)
- Resume

### **Students can begin classes during the spring, summer, or fall semesters according to the application deadlines below:**

- May 1: Summer semester
- July 1: Fall semester
- November 15: Spring semester



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