



School of Public &
International Affairs
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

COMMIT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

**MASTER OF PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION (MPA)**

RANKINGS

BY THE NUMBERS

2 | Public Management & Leadership

3 | Public Budgeting & Finance

4 | Public Affairs Graduate Program

5 | Local Government Management

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Lead with purpose.

The MPA program at the University of Georgia strives to be a leader, educating and inspiring students for managerial and analytical careers in public service. Through instruction by leading scholars, engagement with policy and management problems in the field, and service opportunities within the community, MPA students are prepared for professional careers in government and the non-profit sector, advancing the values of ethics, accountability, and inclusion in democratic governance.



The program's dedication to public service values permeates our curriculum, professional development activities, and community engagement.



**Accountability, Transparency,
and Ethical Considerations**



**Professional Competency and
Service to the Public Good**



**Uphold Democratic Principles of Equity,
Due process, and Representativeness**

Find your passion.

Our MPA prepares you with managerial and analytical skills, as well as for leadership roles in all levels of government and nonprofit organizations. Our program offers a wide range of areas of specialization:

- Criminal Justice
- Health Policy and Administration
- Higher Education Administration
- International Policy and Administration
- Local Government Administration
- Nonprofit Administration
- Public Budgeting and Financial Management
- Public Management/Organization Theory
- Public Policy



The faculty in the Master of Public Administration program at the University of Georgia are renowned experts in areas such as public policy, nonprofit management, and local government. Their research and real-world experience provide students with cutting-edge knowledge and practical skills for leadership roles in public service.



SHE IS A UGA MPA

CARLA WILLIAMS (MPA '91)

First female African-American
Athletic Director in a Power 5
school, The University of Virginia

Shape your future.

Develop the skills to manage agencies and nonprofits, making a real impact in addressing societal challenges and improving communities.



Aashna Monga, MPA 2024
Development Impact Consultant
World Bank

“The MPA program prepared me well with the skills and knowledge required for landing a highly competitive job and excelling in my role in the future. Courses such as Data

Applications, Research Methods, Program Evaluation and Economic Foundations of Policy Analysis have built a strong foundation for producing robust and impactful research. The MPA program has been invaluable in providing me with the right kind of mentorship, skills and experience.”



Max Valadez, MPA 2024
ICMA Local Government
Management Fellow
City of Fort Collins, Colorado

“The MPA program at UGA prepared me to excel early in my career in local government.

Knowing the right questions to ask, paired with the confidence and competence instilled in me by the program, gave me the reassurance I needed to know that I could make an impact in my organization. Many of the issues and challenges discussed in my job were explored in the MPA program. I often felt that I had a strong background to approach these situations effectively.”

Commit to excellence.

The University of Georgia is...

An academic powerhouse

Our internationally recognized faculty, student-centered teaching, and focus on hands-on experiences make us one of the best public universities in the nation.

Built upon visionary leadership

More than two centuries ago, the University of Georgia was founded on the revolutionary idea of public higher education in America, establishing an enduring legacy of transformative leadership.

Committed to public service

We are committed to partnering with communities to solve our biggest challenges through research and student engagement.

Dedicated to career success

Through internships, applied classroom learning, and robust career services, we are committed to preparing students to excel in their public service careers.



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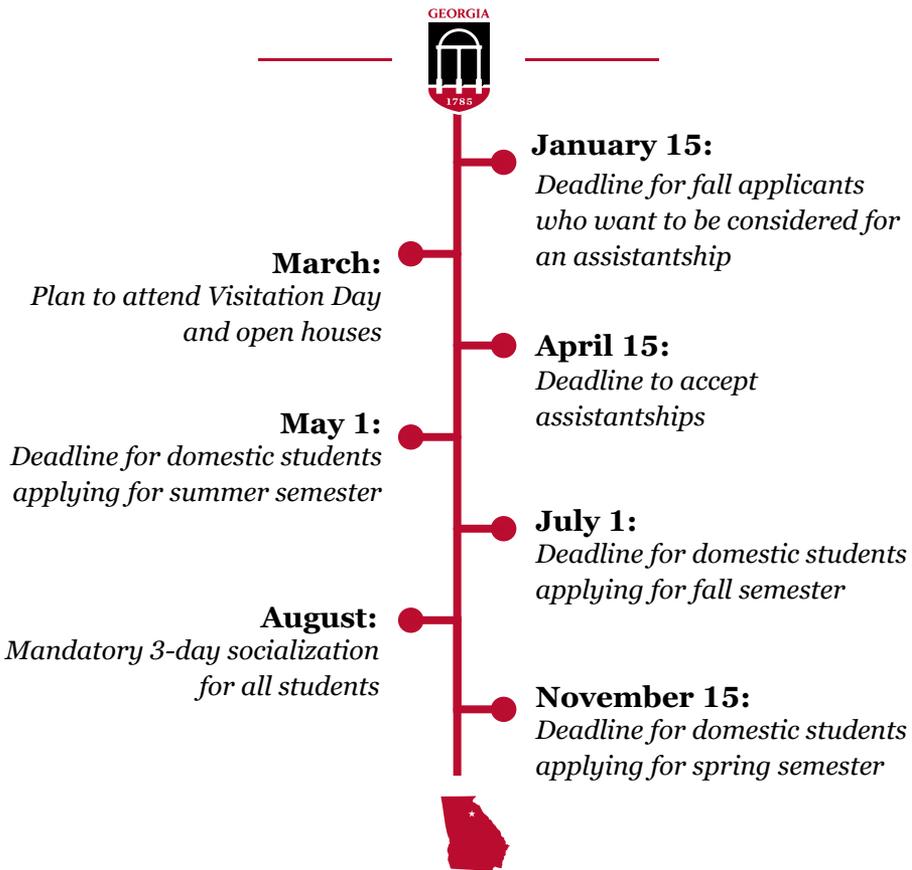
Matthew Pepper (MPA '15)

City Manager
City of Snellville, Georgia

Begin your journey.

To be considered for admission to the MPA program, students must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and must demonstrate potential for excellence in the study of public administration. MPA students come from diverse backgrounds and fields of study. Each year, 65-70 students begin their path to earning their MPA.

The GRE is optional for any applicant, domestic or international, whose GPA as calculated by the UGA Graduate School falls at or above a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Domestic applicants with five years of work experience in the public or non-profit sector and an undergraduate GPA over 3.0 on a 4.0 scale may request a waiver for the GRE during the application process.





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