



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**

5 | **Local Government
Management**

7 | **Public Affairs
Graduate Program**

U.S. News and World Report 2025

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.



Our MPA program is proud to welcome a diverse community of students with a wide range of backgrounds, experiences, and professional goals.

38% | Part-Time Students

18% | Out-of-State Students

93% | Job Placement*

15% | International Students

**within 6 months of graduation*

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.



Aissatou Sabara, MPA 2025

Executive Director

Economic Justice Coalition

“The UGA MPA program prepared me for nonprofit leadership with courses like Public Personnel Administration, Public Finance, and Public Administration and Democracy.

With support from MPA Career Services and an internship at the International Rescue Committee, I stepped into the role of Executive Director at the Economic Justice Coalition just days after graduating.”



Garrett Moon, MPA 2024

State Procurement Auditor

Georgia Department of Administrative Services

“The MPA program at UGA has been instrumental in my professional and personal growth. The coursework improved

my data analysis, memo preparation, and interpersonal skills, all of which have been vital in my position as an auditor. It provided me with the network I needed to secure an internship, which led directly to my full-time job offer. Overall, the MPA program gave me the tools to advance and excel in my career.”

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.

**HE IS A
UGA MPA**

Matthew Pepper (MPA '15)

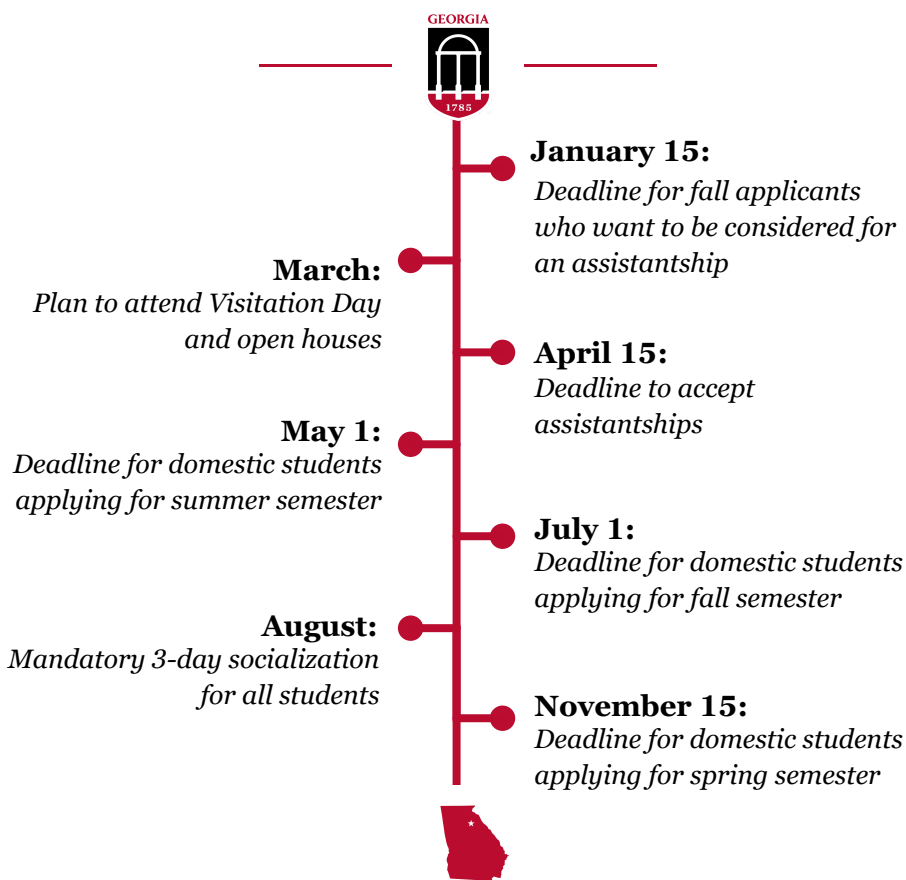
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City of Snellville, Georgia



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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