

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, BS

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Admissions & Policies

Policies

For policies governing all undergraduate degrees, see AP.5 Undergraduate Policies.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: minimum 120

Students must fulfill all Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees including the Mason Core. Students pursuing a BS in Public Administration and Policy must complete additional requirements for the BS degree in the Schar School of Policy and Government.

Students must earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course applied to the major, including GOVT courses as well as the supporting courses in other disciplines used to fulfill the requirements below. See an advisor before registering.

Core Courses

The math or statistics core course cannot be used to fulfill the Mason Core requirement in quantitative reasoning.

GOVT 101	Democratic Theory and Practice (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 103	Introduction to American Government (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 132	Introduction to International Politics (Mason Core)	3
or GOVT 133	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Mason Core)	
GOVT 300	Research Methods and Analysis (Mason Core)	4
GOVT 351	Administration in the Political System	3
GOVT 367	Money, Markets and Economic Policy (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 368	Tools for Economic Policy Analysis	3
One course (3 credits) in math or statistics in addition to the quantitative reasoning Mason Core requirement		3
Total Credits		25

Senior Seminar

GOVT 490	Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core)	3
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or GOVT 491	Honors Seminar (Mason Core)	
Total Credits		3

Public Administration Field Study

Students complete the degree by taking a minimum of 24 credits of advanced public administration field courses, with or without concentration

Total Credits		24
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Students may complete a concentration of at least 12 credits in one field to fulfill a concentration. Students who do not wish to pursue a concentration may choose at least 24 credits from any of the advanced public administration courses listed below (with restrictions noted below) for a broader learning experience. Up to three credits of GOVT 399 Research Practicum and GOVT 480 Internship may be used to fulfill the field course requirement with prior advisor approval. Up to six credits of GOVT 496 Directed Readings and Research may be used to fulfill this requirement with prior advisor approval. GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core) or GOVT 491 Honors Seminar (Mason Core) may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

Advanced Public Administration courses

ECON 309	Economic Problems and Public Policies (Mason Core)	3
ECON 310	Money and Banking	3
ECON 320	Labor Problems	3
ECON 335	Environmental Economics	3
ECON 355	The Political Economy of Nonprofit Institutions	3
ECON 385	International Economic Policy	3
ECON 390	International Economics (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 301	Public Law and the Judicial Process	3
GOVT 302	American Political Development	3
GOVT 304	American State and Local Government	3
GOVT 305	Contemporary American Federalism	3
GOVT 307	Legislative Behavior	3
GOVT 308	The American Presidency	3
GOVT 309	Government and Politics of Metropolitan Areas	3
GOVT 311	Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior	3
GOVT 312	Political Parties and Campaigns	3
GOVT 313	Political Psychology	3
GOVT 318	Interest Groups, Lobbying, and the Political Process	3
GOVT 322	International Relations Theory	3
GOVT 339	Issues in the Politics of Advanced Industrial Societies	1-3
GOVT 343	International Political Economy	3
GOVT 346	American Security Policy	3
GOVT 347	International Security	3
GOVT 353	Social Entrepreneurship	3
GOVT 354	Third-Party Government and the Nonprofit Sector	3
GOVT 355	Public Personnel Administration	3

GOVT 356	Public Budgeting and Finance	3
GOVT 358	Nonprofit Financial Planning	4
GOVT 361	Introduction to Environmental Policy	3
GOVT 364	Public Policy Making	3
GOVT 366	Public Policy Analysis	3
GOVT 409	Virginia Government and Politics	3
GOVT 412	Politics and the Mass Media	3
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	3
GOVT 446	International Law and Organization	3
GOVT 452	Administrative Law and Procedures	3
GOVT 464	Issues in Public Policy and Administration	1-3
GOVT 469	Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	3
INTS 331	The Nonprofit Sector	4
INTS 431	Principles of Fund Raising	4

Concentrations

Students may partially satisfy the field focus requirement by completing at least 12 credits in any one (1) approved concentration as described below

Total Credits 0-12

Students pursuing a concentration will complete the degree by taking four courses (minimum of 12 credits) within one concentration, chosen from the lists of advanced field courses shown below, to complete a minimum of 24 credits of field courses.

Concentration in Administration and Management (ADMM)

GOVT 305	Contemporary American Federalism	3
GOVT 313	Political Psychology	3
GOVT 355	Public Personnel Administration	3
GOVT 356	Public Budgeting and Finance	3
GOVT 358	Nonprofit Financial Planning	4
GOVT 452	Administrative Law and Procedures	3

Concentration in Public Policy (PUBP)

GOVT 312	Political Parties and Campaigns	3
GOVT 318	Interest Groups, Lobbying, and the Political Process	3
GOVT 346	American Security Policy	3
GOVT 347	International Security	3
GOVT 361	Introduction to Environmental Policy	3
GOVT 364	Public Policy Making	3
GOVT 366	Public Policy Analysis	3
GOVT 412	Politics and the Mass Media	3
GOVT 464	Issues in Public Policy and Administration	1-3
ECON 309	Economic Problems and Public Policies (Mason Core)	3
ECON 335	Environmental Economics	3

Concentration in Nonprofit Management (NPMG)

GOVT 313	Political Psychology	3
GOVT 353	Social Entrepreneurship	3
GOVT 354	Third-Party Government and the Nonprofit Sector	3
GOVT 358	Nonprofit Financial Planning	4

ECON 355	The Political Economy of Nonprofit Institutions	3
INTS 331	The Nonprofit Sector	4
INTS 431	Principles of Fund Raising	4

Concentration in US Government Institutions (USGI)

GOVT 301	Public Law and the Judicial Process	3
GOVT 302	American Political Development	3
GOVT 304	American State and Local Government	3
GOVT 305	Contemporary American Federalism	3
GOVT 307	Legislative Behavior	3
GOVT 308	The American Presidency	3
GOVT 309	Government and Politics of Metropolitan Areas	3
GOVT 311	Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior	3
GOVT 409	Virginia Government and Politics	3

Concentration in Economic Policy Analysis (ECPA)

ECON 309	Economic Problems and Public Policies (Mason Core)	3
ECON 310	Money and Banking	3
ECON 320	Labor Problems	3
ECON 335	Environmental Economics	3
ECON 355	The Political Economy of Nonprofit Institutions	3

Concentration in International Political Economy (IPE)

GOVT 322	International Relations Theory	3
GOVT 339	Issues in the Politics of Advanced Industrial Societies	1-3
GOVT 343	International Political Economy	3
GOVT 366	Public Policy Analysis	3
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	3
GOVT 446	International Law and Organization	3
GOVT 469	Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	3
ECON 385	International Economic Policy	3

Individualized Concentration (IND)

Create your own concentration consisting of four upper level courses with Director approval ¹

¹ A minimum of two courses in this concentration must be advanced public administration field courses.

Writing-Intensive Requirement

The university requires all students to complete at least one course designated "writing intensive" in their majors. Students majoring in public administration may fulfill this requirement by successfully completing GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core) or GOVT 491 Honors Seminar (Mason Core) in their major programs.

Mason Core

Note: Some Mason Core requirements may already be fulfilled by the major requirements listed above. Students are strongly encouraged to consult their advisors to ensure they fulfill all remaining Mason Core requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Requirements		
	Written Communication	6
	Oral Communication	3
	Quantitative Reasoning	3
	Information Technology	3-7
Core Requirements		
	Arts	3
	Global Understanding	3
	Literature	3
	Natural Science	7
	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
	Western Civilization/World History	3
Synthesis/Capstone Requirement ¹		
	Synthesis/Capstone	3
	Total Credits	40

¹ minimum 3 credits

Honors

Honors in the Major

Highly qualified students majoring in Government and International Politics and Public Administration may pursue advanced work leading to graduation with honors in the major. Those students selected for participation in this program take a two-course sequence: GOVT 491 Honors Seminar (Mason Core) and GOVT 496 Directed Readings and Research. To graduate with honors in the major, students must complete these courses with a minimum GPA of 3.50.

Accelerated Master's

Bachelor's Degree (any)/Biodefense, Accelerated MS

Overview

Highly qualified undergraduates in any major may apply to the accelerated Biodefense, MS. If accepted, students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their chosen major and a Biodefense, MS with a reduced number of overall credits and within a reduced time frame, sometimes within five years.

For more detailed information, see AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies.

Admission

Please see the Graduate Admissions for general information on graduate admission to George Mason University. Information specific to the accelerated MS program may be found on the Schar website (<http://schar.gmu.edu/programs/undergraduate-degrees/accelerated-masters-programs>).

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 75 credits and have a minimum GPA of 3.50 in all coursework applied to the degree.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete two graduate courses (six credits) that may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. In addition, students may take another two courses (six credits) to be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The courses are BIOD 604 Emerging Infectious Diseases I: Bacteria and Toxins, GOVT 500 The Scientific Method and Research Design, BIOD 605 Emerging Infectious Diseases II: Viral Agents and BIOD 620 Global Health Security Policy. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in these courses and in coursework applied to their major.

Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, students must submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form to apply credits to the master's degree. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree (excluding summer).

Bachelor's Degree (any)/International Security, Accelerated MA

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in any major may apply to the accelerated MA degree program in International Security. If accepted students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their major and an MA in International Security with a reduced number of overall credits and within a reduced time frame, sometimes within five years. More information on bachelor's/accelerated master's programs may be found in AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. See AP.6.9 Requirements for Master's Degrees.

Admission

Please see Graduate Admission Policies for general information on graduate admission to George Mason University. Specific information on application requirements and deadlines may be found on the Schar admissions website (<http://schar.gmu.edu/admissions>).

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 75 credits, including at least 12 credits of Government, Economics and/or Global Affairs courses, and have a minimum GPA of 3.50 in all coursework applied to the degree.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete two graduate courses (six credits) that may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. In addition, students may take another two courses (six credits) to be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The courses are:

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 540	International Relations	3
PUBP 504	Grand Strategy	3
PUBP 506	Ethics and the Use of Force	3

GOVT 511	Problem Solving and Data Analysis I	3
or PUBP 511	Statistical Methods in Policy Analysis	
or PUAD 511	Problem Solving and Data Analysis I	

Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in these courses and in coursework applied to their major.

Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, students must submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form to apply credits to the master's degree. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree (excluding summer).

Bachelor's Degree (any)/International Commerce and Policy, Accelerated MA

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in any major may apply to the accelerated MA degree program in International Commerce and Policy. If accepted students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their major and an MA in International Commerce and Policy with a reduced number of overall credits and within a reduced time frame, sometimes within five years. More information on bachelor's/accelerated master's programs may be found in AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. See AP.6.9 Requirements for Master's Degrees.

Admission

Please see Graduate Admission Policies for general information on graduate admission to George Mason University. Specific information on application requirements and deadlines may be found on the Schar admissions website (<http://schar.gmu.edu/admissions>).

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 75 credits, including at least 12 credits of Government, Economics and/or Global Affairs courses, and have a minimum GPA of 3.50 in all coursework applied to the degree.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete two graduate courses (six credits) that may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. In addition, students may take another two courses (six credits) to be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The courses are ITRN 500 Global Political Economy, ITRN 504 Microeconomics and Trade Policy, ITRN 503 Macroeconomic Policy in the Global Economy and PUBP 503 Culture, Organization, and Technology. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in these courses and in coursework applied to their major.

Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, students must submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form to apply credits to the master's degree. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree (excluding summer).

Bachelor's Degree (any)/Political Science, Accelerated MA

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in any major may apply to the accelerated MA degree in political science. If accepted, students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their chosen major and a MA in Political Science with a reduced number of overall credits and within a reduced time frame, sometimes five years. More information on bachelor's/accelerated master's programs may be found in AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. See AP.6.9 Requirements for Master's Degrees.

Admission

See Graduate Admission Policies for general information on graduate admission to George Mason University. Specific information on application requirements and deadlines for the Political Science master's program may be found on the Schar website (<http://schar.gmu.edu/programs/undergraduate-degrees/accelerated-masters-programs>).

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 75 credits, including 12 GOVT credits, and have a minimum GPA of 3.50 in all coursework applied to the degree.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete two graduate courses (six credits) that may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. In addition, students may take another two courses (six credits) to be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The courses are chosen from GOVT 500 The Scientific Method and Research Design, GOVT 510 American Government and Politics, GOVT 520 Political Theory, GOVT 530 Comparative Politics, GOVT 540 International Relations. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in these courses and in coursework applied to their major.

Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, students must submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form to apply credits to the master's degree. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree (excluding summer).

Bachelor's Degree (any)/Public Administration, Accelerated MPA

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in any major may apply to the accelerated master's degree in public administration. If accepted, students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their chosen major and a master's degree in public administration with a reduced number of overall credits and within a reduced time frame, sometimes within five years. See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies.

Admission

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions. Information specific to the accelerated MPA program may be found on the Schar website (<http://schar.gmu.edu/programs/undergraduate-degrees/accelerated-masters-programs>).

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 75 credits, including 12 GOVT credits, and have a minimum GPA of 3.50 in all coursework applied to the degree.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete two graduate courses (six credits) that may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. In addition, students may take another two courses (six credits) to be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The courses are PUAD 502 Administration in Public and Nonprofit Organizations, PUAD 511 Problem Solving and Data Analysis I, PUAD 520 Organization Theory and Management Behavior and PUAD 540 Public Policy Process. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in these courses and in coursework applied to their major.

Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, students must submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form to apply credits to the master's degree. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree (excluding summer).

Bachelor's Degree (any)/Public Policy, Accelerated MPP

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in any major may apply to the accelerated Master of Public Policy (MPP) program. If accepted students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their chosen major and the Master of Public Policy with a reduced number of overall credits and within a reduced time frame, sometimes within five years. More information on bachelor's/accelerated master's programs may be found in AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. See AP.6.9 Requirements for Master's Degrees.

Admission

Please see the Graduate Admission Policies section in this catalog for general information on graduate admission to George Mason University. Information specific to the accelerated Master of Public Policy program may be found on the Schar website (<http://schar.gmu.edu/programs/undergraduate-degrees/accelerated-masters-programs>).

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 75 credits, including 12 credits of Government and/or Economics courses, and have a minimum GPA of 3.50 in all coursework applied to the degree.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete two graduate courses (six credits) that may be counted toward both the

bachelor's and master's degrees. In addition, students may take another two courses (six credits) from the following list to be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.00 in each course. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in these courses and in coursework applied to their major.

Code	Title	Credits
PUBP 500	Theory and Practice in Public Policy	3
PUBP 503	Culture, Organization, and Technology	3
PUBP 511	Statistical Methods in Policy Analysis	3
ITRN 503	Macroeconomic Policy in the Global Economy	3

Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, students must submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form to apply credits to the master's degree. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree (excluding summer).