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.

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<td>Introduction to American Government (Mason Core)</td>
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<td>GOVT 132</td>
<td>Introduction to International Politics (Mason Core)</td>
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<td>Introduction to Comparative Politics (Mason Core)</td>
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<td>GOVT 300</td>
<td>Research Methods and Analysis (Mason Core)</td>
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<td>GOVT 351</td>
<td>Administration in the Political System</td>
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<td>GOVT 367</td>
<td>Money, Markets and Economic Policy (Mason Core)</td>
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<td>GOVT 368</td>
<td>Tools for Economic Policy Analysis</td>
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<td>One course (3 credits) in math or statistics in addition to the quantitative reasoning Mason Core requirement</td>
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Senior Seminar

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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

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Total Credits 24

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

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<td>GOVT 301</td>
<td>Public Law and the Judicial Process</td>
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<td>Public Personnel Administration</td>
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Concentration in Nonprofit Management (NPMG)
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

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

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
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**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**
Synthesis/Capstone | 3

1 minimum 3 credits

**Total Credits** | 40

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**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.

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**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).

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**Accelerated Option Requirements**

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.

**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:

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<td>PUBP 506</td>
<td>Ethics and the Use of Force</td>
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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 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 the degree.

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/graduate-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.

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