

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, BS

Banner Code: PP-BS-PUAD

Academic Advising

337 Aquia Building
Fairfax Campus

Email: puad@gmu.edu
Website: schar.gmu.edu

The BS in Public Administration provides students with the in-demand knowledge and expertise to lead change as they tackle real-world problems. The public administration program:

- Teaches students about governance, policy analysis, and management.
- Prepares students to lead change and advance the public good through nonprofit work, policy advocacy, or service in federal, state, or local government.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

For policies governing all undergraduate degrees, see AP.5 Undergraduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/>).

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: minimum 120

Students must fulfill all Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#text>) including the Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>). Students pursuing a BS in Public Administration must complete additional requirements for the BS degree in the Schar School of Policy and Government (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-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

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 101	Democratic Theory and Practice (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 103	Introduction to American Government (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 132	Introduction to International Politics (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3

or GOVT 133	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GOVT 300	Research Methods and Analysis (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	4
GOVT 351	Administration in the Political System	3
GOVT 367	Money, Markets and Economic Policy (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/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 ¹		3
Total Credits		25

¹

Cannot be used to fulfil the Mason Core Quantitative Reasoning requirement.

Senior Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 490	Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
or GOVT 491	Honors Seminar (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Total Credits		3

Public Administration Field Study

Code	Title	Credits
Students complete the degree by taking a minimum of 24 credits of advanced public administration field courses, with or without concentration		24
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) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) or GOVT 491 Honors Seminar (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

Advanced Public Administration courses

Code	Title	Credits
ECON 309	Economic Problems and Public Policies	3
ECON 310	Money and Banking	3
ECON 335	Environmental Economics	3
ECON 355	The Political Economy of Nonprofit Institutions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ECON 385	International Economic Policy	3

ECON 390	International Economics	3
GOVT 301	Public Law and the Judicial Process	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 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 319	Issues in Government and Politics	1-3
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 344	American Foreign Policy	3
GOVT 346	American Security Policy	3
GOVT 347	International Security	3
GOVT 352	Responsible Innovation	3
GOVT 354	Nonprofit Sector in Society	3
GOVT 355	Public Personnel Administration	3
GOVT 356	Public Budgeting and Finance	3
GOVT 357	Urban Planning	3
GOVT 358	Nonprofit Financial Planning	4
GOVT 361	Introduction to Environmental Policy	3
GOVT 363	Science and Technology Institutions/Policy	3
GOVT 364	Public Policy Making	3
GOVT 366	Public Policy Analysis	3
GOVT 369	Cybersecurity Policy	3
GOVT 400	Issues in Political Analysis	1-3
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 461	Governance in Space	3
GOVT 462	Public Interest Technology	3
GOVT 464	Issues in Public Policy and Administration	1-3
GOVT 469	Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	3
INTS 331	The Nonprofit Sector (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	4
INTS 431	Principles of Fund Raising	4

Concentrations

Code	Title	Credits
	Students may partially satisfy the field focus requirement by completing at least 12 credits in any one (1) approved concentration as described below	0-12
	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 Areas

- Concentration in Administration and Management (ADMM)
- Concentration in Public Policy (PUBP)
- Concentration in Nonprofit Management (NPMG)
- Concentration in US Government Institutions (USGI)
- Concentration in Economic Policy Analysis (ECPA)
- Concentration in International Political Economy (IPE)
- Individualized Concentration (IND)

Concentration in Administration and Management (ADMM)

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 305	Contemporary American Federalism	3
GOVT 313	Political Psychology	3
GOVT 352	Responsible Innovation	3
GOVT 355	Public Personnel Administration	3
GOVT 356	Public Budgeting and Finance	3
GOVT 357	Urban Planning	3
GOVT 358	Nonprofit Financial Planning	4
GOVT 400	Issues in Political Analysis	1-3
GOVT 452	Administrative Law and Procedures	3
GOVT 461	Governance in Space	3

Concentration in Public Policy (PUBP)

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 312	Political Parties and Campaigns	3
GOVT 313	Political Psychology	3
GOVT 318	Interest Groups, Lobbying, and the Political Process	3
GOVT 346	American Security Policy	3
GOVT 347	International Security	3
GOVT 357	Urban Planning	3
GOVT 361	Introduction to Environmental Policy	3
GOVT 363	Science and Technology Institutions/Policy	3
GOVT 364	Public Policy Making	3
GOVT 366	Public Policy Analysis	3
GOVT 369	Cybersecurity Policy	3
GOVT 400	Issues in Political Analysis	1-3
GOVT 412	Politics and the Mass Media	3
GOVT 462	Public Interest Technology	3
GOVT 464	Issues in Public Policy and Administration	1-3
ECON 309	Economic Problems and Public Policies	3
ECON 335	Environmental Economics	3

Concentration in Nonprofit Management (NPMG)

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 313	Political Psychology	3
GOVT 354	Nonprofit Sector in Society	3
GOVT 358	Nonprofit Financial Planning	4
ECON 355	The Political Economy of Nonprofit Institutions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3

INTS 331	The Nonprofit Sector (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	4
INTS 431	Principles of Fund Raising	4

Concentration in US Government Institutions (USGI)

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 301	Public Law and the Judicial Process	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 311	Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior	3
GOVT 409	Virginia Government and Politics	3

Concentration in Economic Policy Analysis (ECPA)

Code	Title	Credits
ECON 309	Economic Problems and Public Policies	3
ECON 310	Money and Banking	3
ECON 335	Environmental Economics	3
ECON 355	The Political Economy of Nonprofit Institutions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ECON 390	International Economics	3
GOVT 357	Urban Planning	3
GOVT 400	Issues in Political Analysis	1-3

Concentration in International Political Economy (IPE)

Code	Title	Credits
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
ECON 390	International Economics	3

Individualized Concentration (IND)

Code	Title	Credits
	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) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) or GOVT 491 Honors Seminar (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) in their major programs.

Mason Core

Some Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/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 (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements.

Students who have completed the following credentials are eligible for a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower level) requirement categories. The Integration category (upper level) is not waived under this policy. See Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-policies/#transfertext>) for more information.

- VCCS Uniform Certificate of General Studies
- VCCS or Richard Bland Associate of Science (A.S.), Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Arts and Sciences (A.A.&S.), or Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.)

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Requirements		
	Written Communication (lower-level) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written)	3
	Oral Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#oral)	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#quantitative)	3
	Information Technology and Computing (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#information-technology)	3
Exploration Requirements		
	Arts (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#arts)	3
	Global Contexts (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-contexts)	3
	Global History (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-history)	3
	Literature (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature)	3
	Natural Science (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#natural-science)	7
	Social and Behavioral Sciences (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#social-behavioral-science)	3
	Just Societies (optional) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#justsocieties) ¹	
Integration Requirements		
	Written Communication (upper-level) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written)	3
	Writing Intensive (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#wi) ²	3
	Mason Apex (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#apex) ³	3
Total Credits		40

1

In addition to covering content related to the designated category, Exploration level courses marked with a *Just Societies* "flag" are specifically designed to help students learn how to interact effectively with others from all walks of life, including those with backgrounds and beliefs that differ from their own. Courses marked with the Just Societies flag are available for students starting in Fall 2024. Students admitted prior to the Fall of 2025 are not required to take courses with a Just Societies flag but may wish to do so to increase their knowledge and skills in this important area. Students interested in this approach to completing their Mason Core Exploration Requirements should work closely with their advisor to identify the appropriate Just Societies-flagged courses.

2

Most programs include the writing-intensive course designated for the major as part of the major requirements; this course is therefore not counted towards the total required for Mason Core.

3

Minimum 3 credits required.

4-Year Plan

Bachelors of Science in Public Administration Sample Plan of Study

The sample plan below is a recommended sequencing of courses based on pre-requisites and scheduling. This may not fit every student's needs and is a guideline, not a requirement. Students should confirm major requirements with their academic advisor and with PatriotWeb Degree Evaluation to ensure they enroll in the proper courses and are on track to graduate.

First Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
GOVT 101		GOVT 103	3
GOVT 132 or 133		STAT 250	3
ENGH 101 or COMM 101		ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Western Civ/ World History		Nat Science 1	4
MATH 106		Literature	3
		15	16

Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
GOVT 351		ENGH 302	3
GOVT 367 (Fall only)		GOVT 368	3
Elective/Minor		GOVT Field 1	3
Elective/Minor		GOVT Field 2	3
Arts		GOVT 300	4
		15	16

Third Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
GOVT Field 3		GOVT Field 5	3
GOVT Field 4		GOVT Field 6	3
Nat Science 2		Elective	3
Elective/Minor		Elective/Minor	3
Elective/Minor		UL elective	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
GOVT Field 7		GOVT 490	3
GOVT Field 8		Elective	3
Elective		Elective	3
Elective/Minor		Elective	3
Elective/Minor		Elective/Minor	3
		15	15

Total Credits 122

Detailed four year plans and degree planning checklists can be found at <https://advising.gmu.edu/current-student/majors-at-mason/>.

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) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/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 current undergraduate major and a Schar School master's degree within a reduced timeframe.

For more detailed information, see AP6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>). For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP6 Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

Admission

Please see the Graduate Admissions Policies for general information on graduate admissions to George Mason University. Information specific

to the accelerated master's program may be found on the Schar School BAM website.

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 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 may complete up to fifteen graduate credits of which twelve may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. Remaining credits may be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The courses include 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, BIOD 620 Global Health Security Policy and BIOD 609 Biodefense Strategy. 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 current undergraduate major and a Schar School master's degree within a reduced timeframe. More information on bachelor's/accelerated master's programs may be found in AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>).

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. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-9>)

Admission

Please see the Graduate Admissions Policies for general information on graduate admissions to George Mason University. Information specific to the accelerated master's program may be found on the Schar School BAM website.

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 credits and have a minimum GPA of 3.60 in all coursework applied to the degree.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students may complete up to twelve graduate credits, all of which may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. Any remaining credits may 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
POGO 511	Introductory Data Analysis for Policy and Government	3
PUBP 504	Grand Strategy	3
PUBP 506	Ethics and the Use of Force	3

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)/Global Commerce and Policy, Accelerated MA

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in any major may apply to the accelerated MA degree program in Global Commerce and Policy. If accepted, students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their current undergraduate major and a Schar School master's degree within a reduced timeframe. More information on bachelor's/accelerated master's programs may be found in AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>).

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. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-9>)

Admission

Please see the Graduate Admissions Policies for general information on graduate admissions to George Mason University. Information specific to the accelerated master's program may be found on the Schar School BAM website.

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 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 may complete up to eighteen graduate credits of which twelve may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. The remaining credits may be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The courses include GCP 500 Global Political Economy, GCP 501 Data Analysis for Global Political Economy, GCP 503 Macroeconomic Policy in the Global Economy, GCP 504 Microeconomics and Trade Policy, GCP 602 Global Financial Crises and Institutions, GCP 603 Global Trade Relations, and GCP 605 Technology, Culture and Commerce. 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 current undergraduate major and a Schar School master's degree within a reduced timeframe. More information on bachelor's/accelerated master's programs may be found in AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>).

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. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-9>)

Admission

Please see the Graduate Admissions Policies for general information on graduate admissions to George Mason University. Information specific to the accelerated master's program may be found on the Schar School BAM website.

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 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 may complete up to eighteen graduate credits of which twelve may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. Remaining credits may 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 and POGO 511 Introductory Data Analysis for Policy and Government. 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 current undergraduate major and a Schar School master's degree within a

reduced timeframe. See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>).

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 (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

Admission

Please see the Graduate Admissions Policies for general information on graduate admissions to George Mason University. Information specific to the accelerated master's program may be found on the Schar School BAM website.

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 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 may complete up to eighteen graduate credits of which twelve may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. Remaining credits may be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The courses include PUAD 502 Administration in Public and Nonprofit Organizations, POGO 511 Introductory Data Analysis for Policy and Government, PUAD 520 Organization Theory and Management Behavior and PUAD 540 Public Policy Process. Additionally, students can take one of the methods core courses (PUAD 613 Economic Analysis in Public Administration, PUAD 645 Policy Analysis, POGO 611 Advanced Data Analysis for Policy and Government or POGO 646 Policy and Program Evaluation) and one of the finance/budgeting/accounting core courses (PUAD 660 Public and Nonprofit Accounting and Finance, PUAD 662 National Budgeting, PUAD 663 State and Local Budgeting or PUAD 664 Nonprofit Financial Management). 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 current undergraduate major and a Schar School master's degree within a reduced timeframe. More information on bachelor's/accelerated master's programs may be found in AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>).

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. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-9>)

Admission

Please see the Graduate Admissions Policies for general information on graduate admissions to George Mason University. Information specific to the accelerated master's program may be found on the Schar School BAM website.

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 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 may complete up to fifteen graduate credits of which twelve may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. Remaining credits may 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
GOVT 500	The Scientific Method and Research Design	3
POGO 511	Introductory Data Analysis for Policy and Government	3
POGO 611	Advanced Data Analysis for Policy and Government	3
or POGO 646	Policy and Program Evaluation	
PUAD 662	National Budgeting	3
PUBP 500	Theory and Practice in Public Policy	3
PUBP 503	Culture, Organization, and Technology	3
PUBP 570	Policy Writing Fundamentals	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).