The Schar School of Policy and Government offers certificate programs in conjunction with its master's programs. Students already pursuing a master's degree in the school may, in most cases, after admission to a certificate program, earn an additional six credits (two courses) in Schar to receive a certificate in addition to the master's degree.

The graduate certificate in public management may only be pursued on a part-time basis.

## Admissions & Policies

### Admissions

Applicants to all graduate programs must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admission Policies (http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/). Participants must be admitted to a certificate program. Admission requirements are the same as those for the master’s programs and may be found on the Schar admissions website (http://schar.gmu.edu/admissions/).

### Policies

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-8).

### Termination from Program

Students admitted to a Schar program will be terminated from that program upon receiving one grade of F and are no longer eligible to take courses in the school. Per university regulation, students are terminated from the university after accumulating grades of F in two courses or 9 credits of unsatisfactory grades in graduate courses. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see Graduate Policies (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/).

## Requirements

### Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 15

This certificate may be pursued on a part-time basis only.

### Required Courses

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### Electives

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Total Credits: 6

1 See the Public Administration, MPA (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/public-administration-mpa/#requirementstext), Public Management Concentration (PMA) for a list of relevant electives.