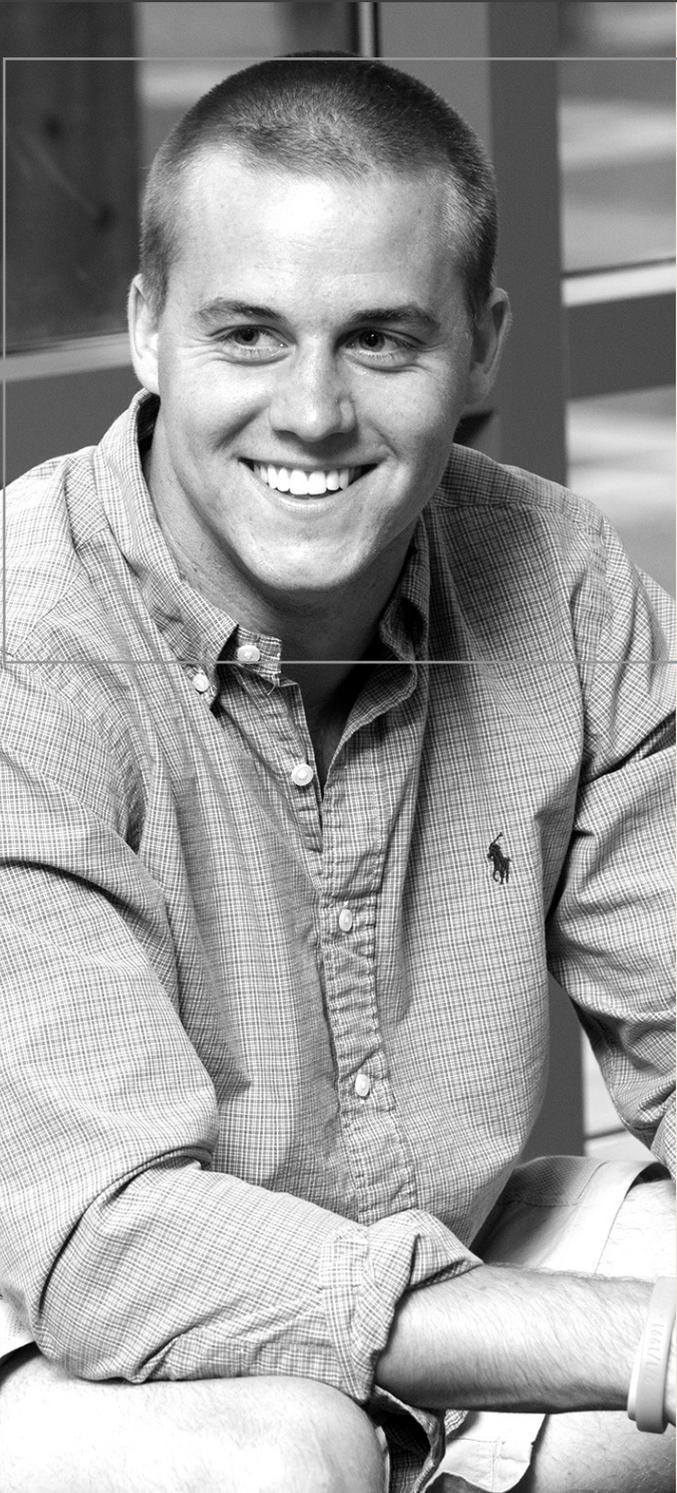


Graduate Certificate Programs

Program Description



Based on needs identified in a survey of area government and non-profit organizations, the University has approved three certificate programs: Non-Profit Management, Human Resource Management, and Public Management. These programs have been developed with a two-fold purpose: to provide education that will enable working public sector professionals to enhance their knowledge about public administration; and to provide opportunities to those in other fields who want and need additional education in the field of public administration.

Public Management

For persons working in the public sector or those who have a desire to work in the public sector, the Public Management concentration provides a good overview to the field. Two required courses provide theoretical and practical underpinnings for public management, and participants may choose two other courses from available course offerings as electives to tailor the program to their own interests or need for additional education.

Core Courses (Required)

PADM 7140 Governmental Budgeting & Finance
 PADM 7350 Intergovernmental Management

Elective Courses (Choose Two)

PADM 7020 Public Sector Planning
 PADM 7260 Democracy & Public Administration
 PADM 7410 Performance Analysis for Government & Non-Profit Organizations
 PADM 7120 Accounting for the Public Sector
 PADM 7110 Information Management
 PADM 7400 Ethics & Public Administration
 PADM 7250 Managing Small Cities & Counties
 PADM 7860 Grant Writing & Management
 PADM 7270 Innovation & Creative Problem Solving in the Public Sector
 PADM 7380 Politics of Managing Urban Areas
 PADM 7670 Quality Management in Public Admin

Public Sector Human Resource Management

Certificates in Human Resource Management are available to those who want to expand their theoretical and practical knowledge of managing human resources in the public sector. Certificate programs can enhance knowledge for current managers who are in need of greater expertise in this area, as well as a good foundation for those who want a career focus in human resource management. Two required courses lay the foundation for the certificate, and two electives from available course offerings allow the student to focus on specific areas of need or interest for additional education.

Core Courses (Required)

PADM 7000 Human Resource Management
 PADM 7010 Public Sector Labor Relations

Elective Courses (Choose Two)

PADM 7170 Organizational Theory & Behavior
 PADM 7180 Labor Law
 PADM 7220 Managing Diversity in the Public Workforce
 PADM 7410 Performance Analysis for Government & Non-Governmental Organizations

Non-Profit Management

Non-profit Management certificates provide preparation for persons working in the non-profit sector and those who desire to expand their knowledge about non-profit work. Two required courses lay the foundation for the certificate, and two electives from available course offerings allow the student to focus on specific areas of need or interest.

Core Courses (Required)

PADM 7040 Non-Profit Management
 PADM 7240 Public Administration & Community-Based Organizations

Elective Courses (Choose Two)

PADM 7400 Ethics & Public Administration
 PADM 7860 Grant Writing & Management
 PADM 7410 Performance Analysis for Government & Non-Governmental Organizations
 PADM 7670 Quality Management in Public Admin
 PADM 7270 Innovation & Creative Problem Solving in the Public Sector
 PADM 7170 Organizational Theory & Behavior
 PADM 7120 Accounting for the Public Sector
 PADM 7020 Public Sector Planning

Admission Information

General requirements for admission to the Graduate Certificate Program are a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited or approved college or university, and admission to the certificate program through the VSU Graduate School.

This certificate program is a non-degree program as described in the VSU graduate catalog. No admission tests are required for this program. Students who later decide to apply hours earned toward the MPA degree are required to formally apply to the Graduate School.

Course Delivery

Students may choose from on-line classes or classes offered at Moody Air Force Base. You may also choose a hybrid approach.

Certificates require four courses in the concentration area, two required and two electives, from a set list of courses. All students are required to prepare a portfolio demonstrating competencies in the concentration area after coursework is completed. Materials should reflect classroom, volunteer, and work experiences that support awarding of the certificate.

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Kick-start or reinvigorate your career by enrolling in a certificate program in the Public Administration Program at Valdosta State University. Be inspired by outstanding professors and engaged with other students in a friendly learning environment that will stimulate and challenge you as you advance your career and expand your knowledge of public administration. Online and face-to-face options are available, or you may choose a hybrid approach.

Not ready to go to graduate school, but hungering for more education? Here's a great opportunity to get the education you want without a commitment to a degree program. If you enjoy the coursework, you can apply hours earned for courses in which you earned at least a "B" toward your MPA, if you later decide to formally enroll in graduate school.

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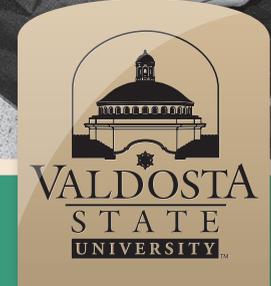
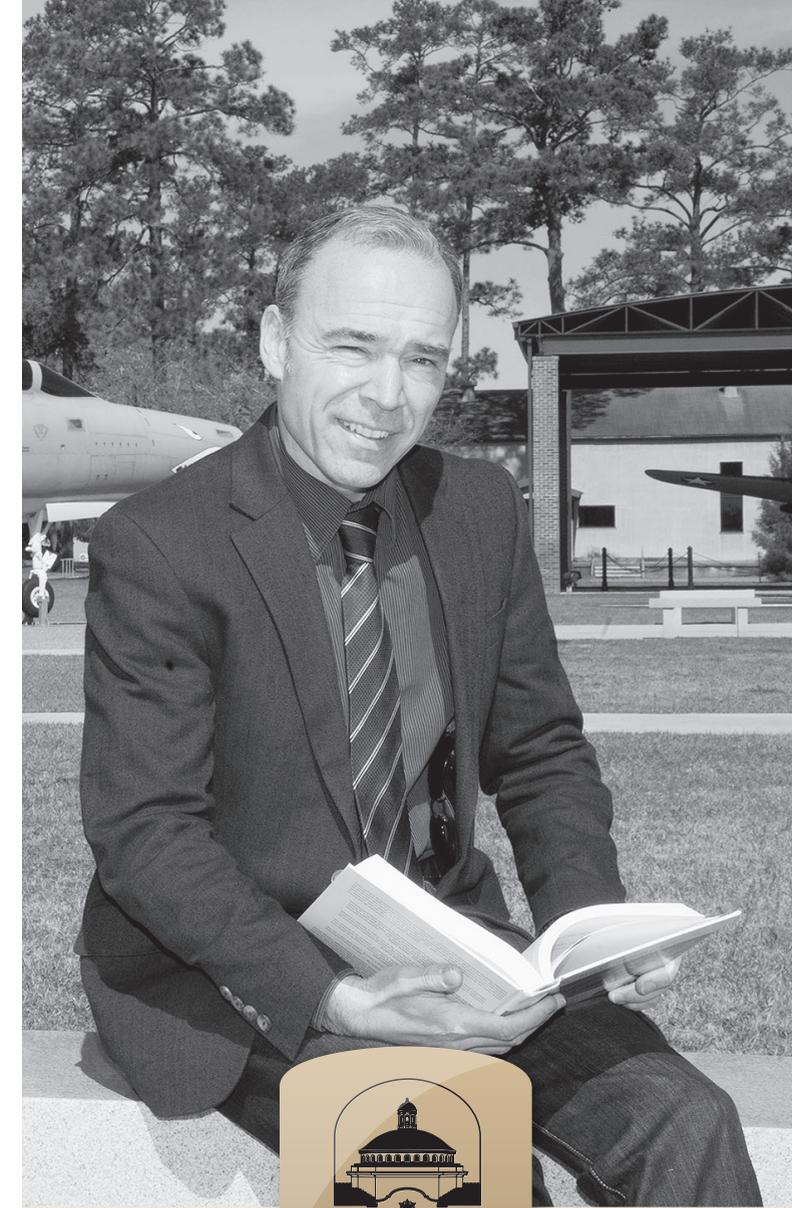
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