Master of Public Administration

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree is a thirty-six semester-hour non-thesis program. Applicants for admission to the MPA program are considered for acceptance regardless of their undergraduate degree area. The flexible nature of this program is designed to allow in-service professionals the opportunity to meet their degree requirements in a convenient, expeditious manner. If a student enrolls in MPA courses at a pace of nine hours per semester, the program can be completed in eighteen months or less. College credit at the graduate level earned elsewhere can be evaluated for possible transfer credit.

Expected Outcomes
Recipients of the MPA degree will have:

► A comprehensive understanding of the career field
► Basic skills and a broadened perspective required of managers/administrators.
► Strong oral and written communication skills.
► Knowledge of current technology used in the field.
► Sensitivity to diverse groups.

MPA Concentrations
The MPA is offered in three concentrations: Public Sector Management, Public Sector Human Resource Management, and Public Policy. The Public Sector Human Resource Management concentration is offered at Moody Air Force Base, Valdosta, Ga. The Public Sector Management concentration and the Public Policy concentration are offered exclusively online.

Core Courses
All concentrations consist of 24 semester hours of core courses, plus 12 semester hours of concentration courses.

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*Must be taken during first semester  | **Co-requisite courses, must be taken during final semester

Concentration Area Courses
All courses for a concentration must be approved by advisor.

Instruction for PADM 7300, PADM 7900, and PADM 7210 is conducted online for all students, regardless of concentration. These courses are offered each semester. Course schedules and other information for students may be obtained by going to the MPA webpage at www.valdosta.edu/pa.

Faculty Information
All courses are taught by well-qualified faculty. Most courses are taught by full-time faculty, but in keeping with the applied nature of the program, some courses may be taught by practitioners who are working in the field and who have appropriate academic credentials. Most faculty teaching in the MPA program have extensive practical experience in military, state, or local management in addition to their academic preparation. A list of current faculty teaching in the MPA program may be obtained by going to www.valdosta.edu/pa/faculty.shtml.

General Requirements
General requirements for admission to the program are:
1. A bachelor’s degree from an accredited or approved college or university.
2. A satisfactory score on EITHER the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) or the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller’s Analogy Test (MAT).
3. An acceptable cumulative undergraduate grade point average.
4. A resume.
5. A career goal statement, and
6. Three letters of recommendation.

Online Concentration
In addition to the above, candidates for the online programs must be currently employed in a governmental (including military) or not-for-profit agency, or have appropriate work experience in such an agency. Candidates with private-sector experience who are interested in a career in public or in not-for-profit management may be considered for the online programs. Traditional students lacking work experience required for online students must take the program in the more traditional classroom setting.

Application Requirements
Application materials may be obtained online from the Graduate School. To expedite the admissions process, applications and transcripts should be submitted directly to the Graduate School, Valdosta State University, 1500 North Patterson Street, Valdosta, GA 31698-0005.

Obtaining Information
Registration and other information may be obtained online or by calling the offices listed below. University personnel are available to answer any questions you may have concerning the admissions procedure or the MPA program.

Graduate School
Phone: (229) 333-5854
Toll Free: (800) 618-1876
Web: gradschool@valdosta.edu

MPA Coordinator
Phone: (229) 293-6075
Fax: (229) 293-6077

Visit Us on the Web at http://www.valdosta.edu/gradschool/ or http://www.valdosta.edu/pa/

MBA and Executive MBA Center: Moody AFB Phone: (912) 882-6673
MBA and Executive MBA Center: Moody AFB Phone: (912) 257-4163

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Concentrations

1. Public Policy
2. Public Sector Human Resource Management
3. Public Sector Management

The Master of Public Administration degree is designed for those interested in management careers in governmental or non-profit organizations and agencies. It is offered through the Department of Political Science.

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