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The faculty of the department of Public Administration and Policy includes scholars of national and international repute in virtually every field of public administration. Areas of particular strength include public management, public policy analysis, organizational theory and behavior, public financial management, public personnel management/human resources, local government, and nonprofit management. For a current list of faculty members and their teaching and research interests, go to [www.uga.edu/padp](http://www.uga.edu/padp)

The MPA program is co-sponsored by the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government which is the nation's oldest and largest public service institute. The Carl Vinson Institute of Government assists state agencies and local governments in Georgia with a wide variety of public policy and governance problems. The Institute also provides Georgia MPA students with opportunities to become involved in applied research and projects to assist government agencies.

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### Master of Public Administration Program

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The Master of Public Administration program at the University of Georgia is ranked 3rd in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*, 2005.



# The MPA Program

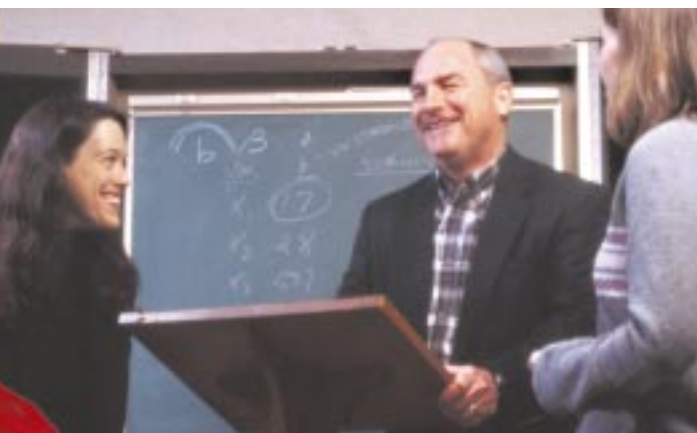
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The Master of Public Administration program at the University of Georgia is one of the nation's best programs for public service education. It is the highest ranked graduate degree program at UGA and is ranked third in the nation among several hundred such programs. Among programs at public universities, the Georgia MPA is tied with the program at Indiana University for first in the nation (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2005).

The MPA program is offered at UGA's main campus in Athens and also at the Gwinnett University Center in Lawrenceville. Courses are offered in the evenings to accommodate working professionals.

Today, more than ever, there is a critical need for capable individuals trained for positions of leadership in the public service. The effective delivery of essential public services requires efficient, well-coordinated administration and management within a unique political and legal environment. Careful, thoughtful analysis for the development and implementation of public policy is indispensable for effective government. The Georgia MPA prepares individuals for successful and rewarding careers oriented toward these purposes in federal, state, and local government settings and nonprofit organizations.



## Program Facts:

- MPA established in 1965
- Fully Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration
- Alumni are well-placed in federal, state, and local government and nonprofit managerial positions in the United States and many other countries
- Our students are selected for the federal government's prestigious Presidential Management Fellowship program regularly
- An award-winning and internationally recognized faculty that has led the discipline in contributions to the scholarly literature
- Median class size of 17 students
- UGA's highest ranked graduate degree program
- Ranked 3rd nationally overall
- Ranked 2nd nationally in the areas of Public Management and Administration
- Ranked 3rd nationally in the area of Public Finance
- Student body consists of working professionals, as well as full-time students preparing for their initial professional positions in the field

The Georgia MPA is built around a comprehensive curriculum that combines theoretical and practical dimensions of public policy and management. The program is housed within the Department of Public Administration and Policy of the University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs and is co-sponsored by the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government. Students

must complete a series of core public administration courses that include the following:

- Public Administration and Democracy
- Public Financial Administration
- Organizational Theory
- Public Personnel Administration

Two courses comprise the analytical core:

- Research Methods in Public Administration
- Data Applications in Public Administration

Two courses are designed to further socialize students to the field:

- Law, Ethics, and Professionalism in Public Administration
- Communication Skills for Public Managers



## Areas of Concentration

Students choose from a wide range of courses to form an area of concentration in subjects including:

- Public Policy Analysis
- Public Management
- Local Government Management
- Public Finance and Budgeting
- Public Personnel Management
- Nonprofit Management
- Higher Education Administration

*"Studying for my Master's of Public Administration degree at the University of Georgia was one of the best decisions I have made in my life. I was taught by professors who are considered leaders in their fields in classes usually no larger than 10 or 12 students. I don't think I would have received that level of attention in the other top-ranked MPA programs."*

—Doug Matties, Budget Analyst, United States Department of the Navy (MPA '01)