

# Master of *Public Administration*



**Assume management and leadership positions in the public and nonprofit sectors in Coastal Georgia and beyond.** Practitioners and pre-service students develop skills essential to successful public service careers. Our diverse student body is engaged in learning, community service, and research.

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) program is an administrative track that prepares its graduates to work effectively as managers and leaders in a variety of organizational settings. The program is an ideal choice for non-traditional managers in the region, while offering traditional managers opportunities to learn in a multicultural environment.

"The Savannah State University MPA program is a great option for professionals at any stage in their career. It is the perfect balance between practical and theoretical application. Through the program, I was able to identify my career interests and specialization, connect with professors, and network with other professionals."

**KRYSTAL BRITTON  
HART, '13**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER  
and entrepreneur**

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## TO APPLY:

MPA program applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and show promise of high quality work on the graduate level. While there is no specific undergraduate course of study for admission, students must meet the prerequisites for courses in American National Government and Statistics. Only completed applications are reviewed by the admissions committee.

Completed admission applications are evaluated according to the following criteria:

Minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average

Graduate Record Exam (GRE), Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or Law School Admission Test (LSAT) scores

Three professional recommendation letters

Essay (500-1,000 words) detailing reasons for pursuing the MPA degree

SSU Graduate Program Application

Official transcripts from each college/university attended (undergraduate and graduate)

A one-page resumé that highlights work experience, professional/personal accomplishments

An in-person interview (when determined by admissions committee)

## COURSEWORK:

Students are required to successfully complete a minimum of 36 semester credit hours, 21 of which are in the common core courses, 9-12 hours of electives, 3-6 credit hours in an internship for pre-service students, an oral exit exam, and a major paper that must be defended during the oral exam. The length of time required to complete the program will vary. Classes generally meet in the evenings and on weekends.

Core courses:

*History, Scope, and Practice of Public Administration*  
*Organizational Theory and Behavior*  
*Management of Human Resources in the Public Sector*  
*Public Budgeting and Finance*  
*Statistical Applications for Public Administrators*  
*Research Methods in Public Administration*  
*Information Resource Management*

Electives include:

*Administrative Law*  
*American Public Policy*  
*Ethics for Public Administrators*

## APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall:

June 1 - International Students

June 15 - Regular Admissions & Graduate Assistantships

Spring:

October 31 - Regular Admissions, Graduate Assistantships & International Students

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