A GRE test examination is required if your Statement of Interest. Professional Master of Public Administration 4 year undergraduate degree.

Competitive MPA/J.D. applicants must have completed a bachelor’s honours degree, with an A-average or 3.7 GPA in the last two years and an LSAT score above the 80th percentile.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
• Statement of Interest.
• A GRE test examination is required if your previous degree is from a non-Canadian university.
• If English is not a native language, prospective students must meet the TOEFL requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES
Application deadlines:
• MPA Program: February 1.
• MPA/J.D. Program: January 15 (through School of Graduate Studies for MPA), November 1 (through LSAS for Law).

Notification of acceptance: no later than May 15.

Before you start your application, please review the Graduate studies application process.

What about funding?
M.P.A. students are not guaranteed a minimum funding, but there are a couple of internal Queen’s graduate Awards available that vary from $1000–$10,000.

We encourage all students to apply for external funding from OGS, SSSHRC and other sources. Queen’s will automatically issue a $5,000 top-up to Masters winners of federal government tri-council awards. For more information on many external awards, see the School of Graduate Studies’ information on awards and scholarships.

Why GRADUATE STUDIES in PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION?
The Public Administration graduate program is a bridge between the academic world and the world of public affairs. Our multi-disciplinary MPA programs are focused on policy analysis, development and implementation, preparing new and experienced professionals for rewarding careers in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Our graduates have gone onto hold positions as ministers and senior officials in municipal, provincial, and federal governments. They also provide leadership in hospitals, community organizations and national associations across Canada. Others still work for consulting firms in the private sector.

Why QUEEN’S?
“The MPA program at Queen’s provides the perfect balance between theory and practice, equipping students to be fully prepared for their chosen career path after graduation.” – Julia Danos, MPA

The School of Policy Studies offers a rich and rewarding learning experience that is unsurpassed in Canada and matched only by the best public policy programs in the world. Through high quality interactive teaching and integrated learning, we enhance leadership in public policy by providing students the inspiration, skills, competencies and connections to become better contributors to the public good. The MPA curriculum includes core courses in economics, policy analysis, governance, management and quantitative methods. Through elective courses, students apply their skills to the analysis and resolution of concrete policy and management problems.

Why KINGSTON?
Today Kingston is a vibrant city with a population of approximately 135,000, and has been recognized as a great place for young professionals to live and work. It is also one of Canada’s top sustainable cities, best places to live and boasting one of the best downtowns. The city’s economy relies heavily on public sector institutions and establishments in the healthcare, education, environment, tourism, and culture fields.

Program STRUCTURE Degrees Offered & Method of Completion:
• Master of Public Administration (1 year) 12 half-credit courses or 10 courses plus a research project.
• Professional Master of Public Administration (2 years, part time) 10 half-credit courses.
• Combined Master of Public Administration/ Juris Doctorate (4 years): course work and the opportunity to participate in the certificate program at Queen’s International Study Centre in Public International Law at Queen’s Harmondsworth castle in England or an international study-exchange to pursue broader opportunities.
**Employability Skills**

### Strategic Thinking:
- Articulate the political, institutional, legal and administrative context in which policy is made and implemented.
- Recognize the values and principles of Canadian democracy.

### Engagement & Communication:
- Engage and collaborate with diverse stakeholders and partners.
- Demonstrate high quality, professional verbal and written communication skills.
- Prepare high quality written and oral material.

### Analysis and Application:
- Apply relevant theories, principles and techniques of policy analysis to identify and assess public policy issues and devise options to resolve them.
- Identify, synthesize, analyze and integrate relevant and appropriate sources of information.

### Professionalism, Collaboration, and Leadership:
- Demonstrate and apply the ethics and values of public service.
- Develop and implement creative and collaborative approaches to public service leadership.

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**Getting Started**
- Start with key priorities like doing your coursework.
- Find your way through the academic process with help from the School of Policy Studies and Expanding Horizons professional workshops, the Program Director and the SGS Habitat.

**Intermediate Stage**
- Continue with your coursework.
- Consider how your courses can contribute to your career path.
- Join the Queen's Public Administration case study team.
- Start keeping an eportfolio of your skills, experiences and competencies.
- Consider applying to the co-op program upon completion of the MPA.

**Wrapping Up**
- Complete your coursework.
- Participate in skills workshops put on by the School of Policy Studies.
- Check out opportunities for extra training through CTL, Expanding Horizons, Mitacs, or other sources to boost your skills.
- Participate in an international exchange to Ghana or to Shanghai to gain global competencies.

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**Achieve Your Academic Goals**
- Serve on departmental, faculty or university committees.
- Attend conferences organized by the School of Policy Studies.

**Build Skills and Experience**
- Connect with your community through experiential opportunities on- and off-campus.
- Participate in the study tours with policy leaders in Kingston, Toronto, Ottawa, and Washington, DC to gain insight on practical policy experiences.
- Consider volunteering with different community organizations, such as United Way, Boys and Girls Club, Community Foundations and more.

**Engage with Your Community**
- Stay on the lookout for special events like Graduate Student Career Week to explore your career pathways.
- Participate in the monthly professional foundations workshops organized by the School of Policy Studies.

**Launch Your Career**
- Explore different careers of interest by reading alumni profiles on the School of Policy Studies website and the SGS website, and using QueensConnects on LinkedIn to connect with Queen’s alumni, or find alumni in various careers through Ask an Alum.
- Check out the free online modules at MyGradSkills to help you plan your career.
- Survey the School of Policy Studies job board for opportunities in areas of interest. Research organizations of interest and start putting together your CV or resume for potential positions of interest. Get help from the School of Policy Studies with job searching, resumes, or interviews.

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Visit careers.queensu.ca/gradmaps for the online version with links!