



What can I do with a major in “Public Administration”?

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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Public Administration

The purpose of the MPA program is to educate students for careers in management and administration at the federal, state, and local levels of government and non-profit organizations. Contemporary public management demands a wide range of analytical and communicative skills. The MPA Program at The University of Georgia is designed to develop professionals who can use their educational experiences to work productively at all levels of public sector management, as well as in research endeavors. The MPA program also gives students the opportunity to specialize in nine broad areas. These include: Local Government Administration, Public Finance Administration, Public Management - Organization Theory, Public Personnel Administration, Public Policy, Health Policy and Administration, Non-Profit Administration, Human Services Administration, and Higher Education Administration. Whether students choose a concentration or go for the generalist degree, graduates of the MPA program can obtain administrative and management positions at all levels of government, non-profit agencies, and, to a limited extent, in the private sector.

Research Careers

Georgia Career Information Center - <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

O*NET - <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook - <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles - <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

Career Insider - powered by the Vault - http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources

*Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant for additional information or assistance.

Possible Job Titles of Public Administration Graduates

(*As reported by Career Center post-graduate survey)

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| * Analyst | * Director of Fundraising | * Program Coordinator |
| * Assistant Director | * Director of Public Relations and Communication | * Program Examiner |
| * Assistant Facility Manager | * Grant Writer | * Project Assistant |
| * Associate Director/Domestic Policy Council | * Human Resources Specialist | * Research Assistant |
| * Budget Analyst | * Information Specialist | * Research Associate |
| * Business and Economic Development Specialist | * IT Consultant | * State Military Coordinator |
| * Community Relations Manager | * Management Analyst | * Trade Analyst |
| * Contract Specialist | * Planning Director | * Travel Manager |
| * Director of Admission and Installation Contracting | * Planning Policy | * Village Administrator |
| | * Policy Analyst | * Volunteer Services Manager |
| | * Presidential Management Fellow | |

Possible Employers of Public Administration Graduates

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| * Alternative Media Access Center, USG/UGA | * Congressman John Barrow | * National Cancer Institute |
| * Athens-Clarke County Unified Government | * Contax Incorp. | * Nordson Corporation |
| * Atlanta Public School System | * Family Connection-Communities In Schools of Athens | * Office of Management & Budget |
| * Center for International Trade and Security | * Georgia Department of Transportation | * Shepherd's Center |
| * Center for Working Families | * Government Accountability Office | * Small Business Administration |
| * Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | * Hope Haven | * South Carolina Energy Office |
| * City of Conway | * Italian Trade Commission | * State of Georgia |
| * City of Phoenix Arizona | * Leadership Birmingham | * Task Force for Global Health |
| | * Metro Company | * The White House |
| | * Moise for Congress | * U.S. Army |
| | * Nakanishi Corporation | * United States Government Accountability Office |

Career Center Library Resources

100 Best Nonprofits to Work For by Leslie Hamilton and Robert Tragert
Careers for Born Leaders and Other Decisive Types by Blythe Cameson
Careers in Focus - Government by Ferguson
Federal Employment from A to Z by Federal Research Service
Good Works - A Guide to Careers in Social Change by Donna Colvin
Making a Living While Making a Difference by Melissa Everett

Campus Resources

Graduate Students for Public Administration - http://padp.uga.edu/about_padp/student_organizations/gspa/

Employment Websites

Assoc. of County Commissioners of Georgia www.accg.org
Federal Government Jobs www.dcjobsources.com
Federal Government Search www.fedworld.gov
Gateway to Federal Agency Statistics www.fedstats.gov
Georgia Local Government Access www.glga.org
Georgia Municipal Association <http://www.gmanet.com/>
GovtJobs.com www.govtjobs.com
Institute of Public Administration www.theipa.org
International Studies Association www.isanet.org
Partnership for Public Service www.calltoserve.org
National Center for Policy Analysis - <http://www.ncpa.org/>
Rural Policy Research Institute - <http://www.rupri.org/>
Urban Institute - <http://www.urban.org/>

Additional Resources

American Planning Association - <http://www.planning.org/>
International City/County Management Association - <http://icma.org/en/icma/home>
American Society for Public Administration www.aspanet.org
Assoc. for Public Policy Analysis and Management www.appam.org
National Assoc. of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration www.naspaa.org/
National Academy of Public Administration - <http://www.napawash.org/>
National Association of State Budget Officers - <http://nasbo.org/>
International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IPMA-HR) - <http://www.ipma-hr.org/>
National Association of State Facilities Administrators (NASFA) - <http://www.nasfa.net/>