Accelerated Bachelor’s to Master’s Program (B.A. to M.P.A.)

The accelerated bachelor’s to master’s program in public administration (BA/MPA) is designed to give you a foundation in public administration theory as well as the operation and management of public organizations and agencies, and to increase your ability to direct the work of others. Upon completion of the accelerated public administration degree, you will be prepared to obtain responsible administrative, supervisory and leadership positions in today’s public and non-profit environments.

This program is offered through a collaboration with the School for Professional Studies and the Department of Public Policy Studies. Students in the BA/MPA program will earn a bachelor’s degree in organizational studies with a minor in public administration through the School for Professional Studies. The 15 credit hour minor will be applied to courses toward their graduate degree saving students time and money.

Application Requirements

All potential students must apply directly to and be accepted into the School for Professional Studies (SPS) in order to enroll in the program. Once admitted to SPS, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the major, minor/certificate, and master’s-level coursework in order to register for the PPS courses and advance in the Public Administration Bridge Program. Per the current MPA standards, no course in the minor is accepted toward the master’s degree if the student receives a letter grade below “B”. Students in their senior year at SPS are required to meet with the graduate advisor of the Public Administration program before submitting their application.

Remaining Courses for Master’s Degree

Students pursuing the master’s program will apply to the Graduate School and the GRE requirement will be waived. Once admitted to the MPA program, students will complete the remaining 2 core courses (6 credit hours), 5 elective courses (15 credit hours), and internship/in-service project (3 credit hours) through the Department of Public Policy Studies. Students must complete a capstone project to complete their master’s degree.

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This program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Public Administration. The program’s content, therefore, reflects the current trends in professional education towards training experts in the field.
Admission Requirements

- **AGE:** 22 YEARS OR OLDER (EXCEPTIONS MAY BE MADE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS)
- **WORK EXPERIENCE:** AT LEAST 3 YEARS OR THE EQUIVALENT
- **EDUCATION:** HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR COMPOSITE GED SCORE OF AT LEAST 2250
- **INTERVIEW:** SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN ADMISSION MEETING WITH AN ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR. THIS CAN BE DONE OVER THE PHONE OR AT ONE OF OUR CAMPUS SITES.
- **GRADE POINT AVERAGE:** A MINIMUM TRANSFER CUMULATIVE GPA OF 2.5 (UNLESS QUALIFIED FOR CONDITIONAL ADMITTANCE)

Admission Procedures

**STEP 1 — COMPLETE APPLICATION**
Complete the application for admission online at busyadults.slu.edu. Applications are accepted and processed on a rolling basis. Students are encouraged to apply for admission at least one month before the term in which they wish to enroll.

**STEP 2 – REQUEST OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS**
Have official transcripts mailed directly from all previously attended colleges to:

**School for Professional Studies**  
Attn: Admissions  
3840 Lindell Blvd  
Saint Louis, MO 63108

If you are an applicant seeking a degree, you must obtain official transcripts from all previous college coursework. If you have never attended college or have less than 15 hours of transferable college credits, you will need to provide official high school or GED transcripts.

**STEP 3 — MEET WITH ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR**
Contact an admissions counselor to discuss the status of your application and your educational and career goals. You may schedule an appointment to speak with an admissions counselor at any of our campus sites or over the phone in certain instances. Appointments are available during business hours and weekday evenings.

A writing and/or math assessment test may be necessary during or shortly after the admissions meeting if you are bringing in little or no transfer credits for these areas.

**ADMISSION**
Once admitted into the School for Professional Studies, you may begin taking courses in the next available term. If applicable, a letter identifying official acceptance of transfer hours will be forwarded when official transcripts have been received and evaluated.

If you have questions about the admission process or the status of your application, please call 314-977-2330 or 800-734-6736.

Dollars and Sense

We strive to make quality higher education accessible to students of all economic means. In addition to offering a reduced tuition rate of half the cost of SLU’s traditional programs and helping you apply for federal, state and institutional funds, SPS offers numerous scholarships and awards specifically for new students.

- **SEE THE FULL LIST OF SPS SCHOLARSHIPS AT:**  
  [WWW.SLU.EDU/X23497.XML](http://WWW.SLU.EDU/X23497.XML).

SPS also offers budget payment plans and a deferred payment option for students whose employers reimburse tuition costs after completion of a course. More information on tuition and financial aid can be found at: [WWW.SLU.EDU/X10990.XML](http://WWW.SLU.EDU/X10990.XML). To determine eligibility for financial assistance, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) early for maximum consideration. FAFSA is available online at: [WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV](http://WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV).

Credit for Prior Learning / Transfer Credits

We now provide several options for our adult students to receive credit for prior learning from the following areas:

1. Transfer credits from other accredited institutions
2. College Level Examination Program (CLEP) testing
3. DSST testing (formerly DANTES testing)
4. Industry certifications with an external accreditor (such as an association or agency) in which the certification is received upon successful completion of a test
5. Credit that is approved by the American Council of Education (ACE)

The number of total transfer credit hours (across all forms of prior learning) cannot exceed those permitted by Saint Louis University, SPS, or the specific program to which the credit will be counted.

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Saint Louis University School for Professional Studies provides you with quality and flexibility, and the tools and resources you need to succeed. We invite you to learn more about us through our short videos and Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube pages by visiting [WWW.SLU.EDU/X35014.XML](http://WWW.SLU.EDU/X35014.XML).

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