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**UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE**

**BS in Urban Policy Studies**

Year Initiated: 1968

<b>Undergraduate Specializations</b> Urban Policy Studies
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**UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Minimum GPA .....2.0-2.3 (For transfer students)  
Ranking in Class .....Not Required  
Minimum SAT or ACT Scores .....430 Verbal; 400 Math

**UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Hours of Core .....27  
Hours of Studio or Practice Related Courses .....3  
Hours of Electives .....0  
Hours of Restricted Electives .....12  
Total Required Hours in Planning Program .....39  
Total Required Hours to Graduate from University .....120  
Thesis or Final Product .....Not Required  
Core Courses: Urban Political Economy, Public Policy Process, Policy Research Methods I and II, Contemporary Planning, Planning Theory and Analysis.  
Alternative Class Format .....Web-Assisted

**FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION**

Internship Opportunities: Yes, check with department.  
Financial Aid Information: Office of Student Financial Aid or check <http://www.gsu.edu/~wwwfia>.

**TOTAL \* UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COMPOSITION 1998-1999**

	FT**		PT		Non US-Citizen	FT		PT	
	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F
US Citizen									
Hispanic	3	0							
White	52	43							
Afr. Amer.	18	58							
Nat. Amer.	1	0							
Asian Amer	2	2							

\*Students might be counted in more than one category  
\*\* Full and part time breakdowns are not available by race/ethnicity and citizenship. 47% are full time and 53% are part time even though all students are listed as full time.

**MASTERS DEGREE**

**MS in Urban Policy Studies (MSUPS)**

Year Initiated: 1970  
Degrees Granted through 8/31/99.....521  
Degrees Granted from 9/1/98 to 8/31/99 .....19

**Masters of Public Administration (MPA)**

Year Initiated: 1975  
Degrees Granted through 8/31/99.....827  
Degrees Granted from 9/1/98 to 8/31/99 .....42

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**UNDERGRADUATE DEADLINES, TUITION AND FEES**

Admission Deadline 2000-01 .....PRIORITY FALL: March 1  
.....LATE FALL: June 1  
.....PRIORITY SPRING: September 1  
.....LATE SPRING: October 15

Financial Aid Deadline 2000-01: Approximately four weeks before the semester begins.

In-State Tuition and Fees: \$101 per semester hour up to 12 hours\*.

Out-of-State Tuition and Fees: \$403 per semester hour up to 12 hours\*.

Application Fee.....\$25

\*No additional charge for more than 12 hours

**GRADUATE DEADLINES, TUITION AND FEES**

Admission Deadline 2000-01 .....PRIORITY FALL: March 1  
.....LATE FALL: June 1  
.....PRIORITY SPRING: September 1  
.....LATE SPRING: October 15

Financial Aid Deadline 2000-01: Approximately four weeks before the semester begins.

In-State Tuition and Fees: \$121 per semester hour up to 12 hours\*.

Out-of-State Tuition and Fees: \$483 per semester hour up to 12 hours\*.

Application Fee.....\$25

\* No additional charge for more than 12 hours

**GENERAL COST OF LIVING**

Per Semester .....Housing (Olympic Dorms) \$2,095  
.....Books and Supplies \$400  
.....Miscellaneous \$281

**ANNUAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

	Applied		Enrolled	
	97/98	98/99	97/98	98/99
<b>Undergraduate</b>				
BS in Urban Policy Studies	147	143	53	49
<b>Masters</b>				
Public Administration		48		14
Urban Policy Studies		9		3
<b>Doctoral</b>				
Ph.D. in Public Policy		26		7

## Masters Specializations

Economic Development, Planning Management,  
Public Policy, and Transportation

### MASTERS ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

University Admission Policy: Must hold a Bachelors degree from an accredited institution.  
 Minimum Undergraduate GPA: 3.0.  
 Minimum GRE: Not Required.  
 Ranking in Undergraduate Class: Not Required.  
 Departmental Requirements: All students must have access to a computer.

### MSUPS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Hours of Core .....27  
 Hours of Studio or Practice Related Courses .....6  
 Hours of Electives .....0  
 Hours of Restricted Electives .....6  
 Hours Allowed to Complete Final Product .....0  
 Total Required Hours in Planning Program .....33  
 Thesis or Final Product: May complete a thesis, OR an internship, OR a practicum.  
 Core Courses: Urban Planning and Demography, Urban Political Economy, Applied Research Methods and Statistics I and II, Microeconomics for Public Policy, Planning Theory and Analysis.

Indicators of Academic Progress .....Must maintain a 3.0 GPA

### MPA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Hours of Core .....33  
 Hours of Studio or Practice Related Courses .....6  
 Hours of Electives .....0  
 Hours of Restricted Electives .....3  
 Hours Allowed to Complete Final Product .....0  
 Total Required Hours in Planning Program .....39  
 Thesis or Final Product .....Not Required  
 Core Courses: Applied Research Methods and Statistics I and II, Microeconomics for Public Policy, Public Administration and Organizations, Urban Planning and Demography, Planning Theory and Analysis.

Indicators of Academic Progress .....Must maintain a 3.0 GPA

Alternative Class Format .....Web-assisted

### FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Internship Opportunities: Yes, check with department.  
 Dept. Awards and Grants: Yes, check with department.  
 Research Assistantships: Yes. We offered twenty four GRA's for Fall 1999. Stipends vary, but most are between \$900 - \$1800 per semester. All tuition and matriculation fees waived for graduate research assistants.

### TOTAL \* MASTERS STUDENT COMPOSITION 1998-1999

	FT		PT**		Non US-Citizen	FT		PT**	
	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F
US Citizen									
Hispanic				2	International			2	6
White			20	37					
Afr. Amer.			19	41					
Nat. Amer.									
Asian Amer				1					

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\*\*Full and part time breakdowns are not available by race/ethnicity and citizenship. 45% are full time and 55% are part time even though all students are listed as part time.

## DOCTORAL DEGREE

**Ph.D. in Public Policy**

Year Initiated: 1998

**NEW PROGRAM:** This is a joint degree with the Georgia Institute of Technology.

### Doctoral Specializations

Urban and Regional Economic Development, Environmental Policy, Public Finance, Science and Technology Policy, Urban Policy, Policy and Program Evaluation and Policy Implementation and Administration

### DOCTORAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

University Admission Policy: Check with department.

Minimum GRE: We look for combined verbal and quantitative scores of at least 1250. We are somewhat flexible depending on circumstances.

Departmental Requirements: Graduate GPA of at least 3.6.

### DOCTORAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Hours of Core .....24  
 Hours of Studio or Practice Related Courses .....0  
 Hours of Electives .....0  
 Hours of Restricted Electives .....21  
 Hours Allowed to Complete Final Product .....0  
 Total Required Hours in Planning Program .....45  
 Thesis or Final Product .....Dissertation  
 Core Courses: Advanced Research Methods I and II, Logic of Policy Inquiry, Applied Microeconomic Analysis, Research Seminar, Advanced Topics in Analysis and Evaluation, Scope and Theory of Public Policy and Doctoral Colloquium.

Miscellaneous: Doctoral qualifying exams in Theory and Methods, major and minor specializations.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Alternative Class Format .....Web-assisted

### FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Internship Opportunities: Yes, check with department.

Dept. Awards and Grants: Yes, check with department.

Assistantships: Yes. We offered eight GRA's in the Fall of 1999. All tuition and matriculation fees waived for Graduate Research Assistants.

### TOTAL \* DOCTORAL STUDENT COMPOSITION 1998-1999

	FT		PT**		Non US-Citizen	FT		PT	
	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F
US Citizen									
Hispanic									
White			4	2					
Afr. Amer.				1					
Nat. Amer.									
Asian Amer									

\*Students might be counted in more than one category

\*\*Full and part time breakdowns are not available by race/ethnicity.

All listed as part time.

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## FYI

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Georgia State degree programs are designed for a diverse student body and are appropriate for a multicultural city like Atlanta. The Georgia State campus is located in downtown Atlanta, adjacent to the state capitol as well as local government and federal offices.