

# Accelerated Admission to Graduate School

The Department of Government and Justice Studies (GJS) has two graduate programs that offer Accelerated Admissions (AA) for current, qualified undergraduate students who wish to be considered for early admissions:

The Master of Arts (MA) in Political Science program offers Accelerated Admission (AA) prepares students for careers in government, education, or non-government organizations, as well as for further work at the Ph.D. level. Students may choose from the following concentrations: American Government, International Relations/Comparative Politics, and Environmental Policy [33 sh].

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) program prepares students to manage government, nonprofit, and law enforcement organizations. Our strong alumni network includes town, city, and county managers and assistant managers; nonprofit executive directors and community engagement officers; economic developers; state or local budget, human resource, planning, program and human resource professionals; and law enforcement officers. Students may choose from the following concentrations: Administration of Justice; Not-for-Profit Management; Public Management; and Town, City and County Management [42 sh].

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## ACCELERATED ADMISSION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

3.4 GPA

90 s.h. of completed  
undergraduate work



## Benefits to Accelerated Admission Students:

- Earn up to 12 hours of graduate credits that double count for both your undergraduate and graduate degrees.
- Save on tuition by taking graduate courses at the cost of undergraduate tuition.
- Complete career-targeted internships.
- Enjoy small class size.
- *MA program only:* Complete your degree in 4+1 years.