

Accelerated Master Programs

Master of Arts in
Political Science

Department of Government
and Justice Studies
APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Master of
Public Administration

The Accelerated Master Programs in Public Administration (PA) and Political Science (PS) provide an opportunity to get your master's degree in as little as one year for PS or 3 to 4 semesters for PA.

Admission is open to qualified undergraduate students who have:

- Minimum 3.4 GPA and
- 90 hours of completed coursework.

The [Master of Arts in Political Science \(MAPS\)](#) program (33 s.h.) offers an accelerated admission in three concentrations: **American Politics; International Relations and Comparative Politics; and, Environmental Politics and Policy Analysis**. Interested students should speak to the graduate program director to determine eligibility and start the application process.

The [Master of Public Administration \(MPA\)](#) program (42 s.h.) 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 and local budget, human resource, planning, 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.

To compete an application for the Accelerated Master Program:

- Meet with the program director of your desired graduate program to confirm eligibility
- Submit your graduate application online
- Pay the application fee
- Provide three references
- Upload your current resume and a personal statement.

Graduate Program Directors

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Benefits to Accelerated Master Students

- Earn up to 12 hours of graduate credits that count for both your undergraduate and graduate degrees.
- Save on tuition by taking graduate courses at the cost of undergraduate course tuition.
- Complete career-targeted internships.

For more info and to apply:

