



MPA Mission Statement

Providing excellence in public administration education to help students gain a comprehensive understanding of the skills they need to succeed in public and non-profit organizations.

MPA Values:

1. Provide services for public and non-profit organizations in terms of personnel training and development, all for the purpose of improving the quality of work of their employees.
2. Attract, motivate, and retain a diversity of students entering the field of public administration, as well as current practitioners.
3. Provide leadership, expertise, and encouragement within a supportive environment
4. Partner with members of the university community, the University System of Georgia, City of Valdosta and neighboring counties to foster an academic environment that attracts and inspires excellence.

MPA Student Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the MPA program students will demonstrate:

1. The ability to lead and manage in public governance
2. The ability to participate in and contribute to the policy process
3. The ability to analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions
4. The ability to articulate and apply a public service perspective
5. The ability to communicate and interact productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry