Graduate Application

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$50 application fee

Master of Public Administration

All Sections are Required

Additional Information

We begin accepting applications on September 1 for admission the following fall. Admission decisions will be made after the priority deadline of February 15. Applications received after that date may be considered if space is available. Your file must be complete before your application can be considered. International applicants must contact Admissions regarding additional requirements.

Interest Areas/Areas Of Concentration (Select one):

- ○ Tribal Governance

How did you hear of the Evergreen Master of Public Administration Program?

- ☐ MPA website
- ☐ Other website _____
- ☐ Information Session, Graduate Fair or other event
   - When/Where? _____
- ☐ Evergreen alum or student
- ☐ Professor
- ☐ Supervisor
- ☐ Colleague/Friend
- ☐ Other _____

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Have you earned at least a 'C' in a statistics course in the past three years?
if yes:

- ○ Yes ○ No

    Indicate institution   _____

    Indicate dates of attendance   _____ (mm/yyyy)

RESUME (Limit to two pages):

Please upload a chronological résumé listing all positions in the past 10 years. Include any significant volunteer public or community service activities. Emphasize how each position relates to your proposed graduate work. Please note any duties that you feel might satisfy the public sector internship requirement. Applicants who do not demonstrate that they have done full-time work, for one year or more, with significant responsibility in public or non-profit administration or in a public policy area will be required to complete an internship before completing the MPA program. For more information, see the "Applicants with limited professional experience" section on the MPA Admissions Requirements (http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/admissionsreq.htm) page.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Please upload an essay of no more than three double-spaced pages explaining why you want to pursue graduate work in public administration at Evergreen. Given the sum total of your professional and life experiences, tell us what brings you to public service and to the Evergreen MPA program and why you want to pursue graduate study in public administration, particularly at Evergreen. Describe in some detail your experiences in education, employment and public or community work and how those experiences influenced you to seek a graduate degree in public administration. Speak particularly to the elements of the Evergreen MPA mission
 (http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/mission.htm)
(for example, working collaboratively, embracing diversity, valuing fairness and equity, etc.) This statement helps the Admissions Committee assess your interest and motivation for graduate study and helps the committee gauge the fit between what our program offers and what you hope to receive from it.

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PUBLIC POLICY ESSAY:

Please upload a second essay of no more than five double-spaced pages addressing a public policy issue of interest to you. This essay should clearly explain the relevant issue(s), describe the major contending views, argue a position and defend it with relevant evidence. The essay will be evaluated on the quality of its analysis and writing, and the coherence of its argument. Include proper citations of all source material: there are several citation styles that are commonly used
 (http://academic.evergreen.edu/curricular/stilllooking/reference/Citation%20Guides/introduction.htm)
. The essay may follow any standard style format for a college paper.

For students who apply to the Tribal Governance Concentration, your essay should deal with issues specific to tribal communities and show a well developed understanding of policies that are relevant to tribal governments, or policy issues affecting American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or international indigenous groups.

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Upload Essay

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Letters of recommendation (LOR) must provide clear evidence that you are capable of doing graduate-level work: for example, evidence of writing, analytical and general communication skills of high quality and at a level appropriate for graduate study. Applicants who were awarded their bachelor's degree within the last two years must provide at least one letter from a faculty member. Letters less than a year old are preferable. Recommenders should address letters to the "MPA Admission Committee."

List two references from whom we could request an LOR on your behalf. The LORs can be no older than two years

from date of application. We will send an LOR e-form via e-mail to the individuals you list below:

If you are unable to submit one or more recommendations via this online system: *before* you enter the recommender information below, please contact Randee Gibbons, Assistant MPA Director, at: gibbonsr@evergreen.edu
  (mailto:gibbonsr@evergreen.edu)
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Recommender 1

First Name	Last Name	Email Address	Phone	Waive Access?

Recommender 2

First Name	Last Name	Email Address	Phone	Waive Access?

Public Law 93-380, Educational Amendments Act of 1974, grants students the right to have access to letters of recommendation in their placement files. By selecting Yes for the "Waive Access" question you are waiving access to these letters.

CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS:
Some candidates may be interviewed during the application review period. We will contact you if this will be necessary.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SEND IN:

In order to complete the application process, please ensure that you send the following documents to:

The Evergreen State College
Office of Admission
2700 Evergreen Parkway
Olympia, WA 98505
Attention: MPA applications

- Official transcripts from each and every college or university attended (including Evergreen; please make transcript request through Registration and Records
    (http://www.evergreen.edu/registration/transcript)
    ), regardless of credit earned, the nature of course work or whether you received a degree.

Consult www.evergreen.edu/mpa/applicationcheck
  (http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/applicationcheck)
for complete details on the admission process and requirements.

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