# THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

### Master of Public Administration

Programs of Study

The Evergreen State College offers a unique interdisciplinary Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree. In an active, supportive, and stimulating environment, students learn the context and substance of the public sector's functions and orientations. These characteristics are most prominently reflected in dedicated faculty members who teach in teams, narrative evaluations (i.e., no grades or class ranking) of students, and a collaborative learning style. The 60-credit-hour program can be completed in two years while working full- or part-time. Its requirements consist of two major elements. The first is completion of six 8-credit core programs: Political and Economic Context of Public Administration, Research Methods, Understanding Public Organizations, Fiscal Policy, Public Policy and Its Administrative Implications, and the Applications Project. The second requirement is earning 12 credit hours in graduate-level elective courses.

All students entering the program are expected to have had basic courses in statistics, microeconomics, and macroeconomics, as well as professional supervisory work experience. Faculty members and the graduate staff offer counsel to students on these prerequisites and electives.

Faculty members are available for advice. They engage in research and consultation and participate in national professional organizations.

Research Facilities

The College's research facilities include its library holdings in print as well as in electronic versions. The state library, located less than 10 miles away, is another source of state and federal government documents. Since Olympia is the state capital, publications and documents of state agencies are also accessible.

Financial Aid

Modest financial aid is available. Sources of support include fellowships, program assistantships, work-study positions, employment within the College, and paid internships. Prospective students should check with the Financial Aid Office and file a financial aid form.

Cost of Study

Full-time tuition for Washington State residents is \$1616 per quarter. Nonresident tuition is \$4923 per quarter. Fees are subject to change.

Living and Housing Costs An estimated \$5500 covers room and board for a single person living on or off campus during the nine-month academic year. Most graduate students live in rental units or in apartments adjacent to the campus.

Student Group

Approximately 35 students enroll each fall quarter. The total program size is currently about 75 students. A cooperative spirit within the student group is encouraged through seminars and group assignments. Graduate Studies office staff and space are shared with 100 graduate students in the Master of Environmental Studies program and 80 in the Master in Teaching program.

Student Outcomes

The overwhelming majority of students work for the state or local governments. Some come from the nonprofit sector as well. Opportunities to network with fellow students, guest speakers, and alumni open up prospects for internships, employment, and/or research. Most students enrolling in the program directly after their undergraduate study fend to get full-time, employment in Olympia-based government agencies. The Coordinator for Student Services assists students in their professional and developmental planning.

Location

The Evergreen State College is located 7 miles northwest of Olympia. Olympia lies at the southern end of Puget Sound, equidistant from the Cascade Range, the Pacific Ocean, and the Olympic Mountains. Train, bus, and highway connections provide access to metropolitan Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon. Evergreen serves as the cultural and intellectual hub for Washington State's capital city of Olympia. The city and surrounding area have a population of 100,000. A variety of outdoor and recreational facilities are available.

The College

The Evergreen State College opened in 1971, Its national reputation for innovative curricular design and academic excellence have drawn a diverse faculty, staff, and student body to the 1,000-acre campus.

Evergreen has the usual recreational and athletic facilities on campus, including tennis, swimming, racquetball, basketball, and soccer. The College's beach on Puget Sound is the focus for water recreation, and the Cascade Range and Olympic Mountains provide excellent hiking, climbing, and skiing.

Applying

Admission is granted for the fall quarter so that all incoming students can begin the core sequence together. Application forms and catalogs are available from Evergreen's Office of Admissions or the Graduate Studies Office.

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