

# **Allegheny College and Carnegie Mellon University Collaborative Accelerated Master's Program**

Carnegie Mellon University's H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management and Allegheny College offer an accelerated master's program to qualified Allegheny College students.

The program is structured so that a student spends three years at Allegheny College followed by three to four semesters at the Heinz School (depending upon program), obtaining both a bachelor's and master's degrees in less time than is normally required.

This document details the programs, admission process, requirements, and the curriculum of each of the programs.

## **Participating Programs of Study at Carnegie Mellon University**

Master of Science in Public Policy and Management (MSPPM)

Master of Science in Health Care Policy and Management (MSHCPM)

Master of Arts Management (MAM)

Master of Information Systems Management (MISM)

## **Eligibility**

The program is designed for Allegheny College students who have completed their junior year.

## **Admissions Requirements**

Students will apply in the fall of their junior year for admission at the beginning of their senior year.

To apply, students must take the GRE or GMAT (these tests should be taken at least 6 weeks before you apply), complete an application form and submit transcripts from all universities attended, three letters of recommendation, and a resume.

Students can apply on-line for free or Carnegie Mellon will waive the fee for those Allegheny students who submit a hard copy application.

Students are granted admission on the basis of academic achievement, performance on the GRE, leadership experience, experience in the proposed field of study, fit of their goals with the program, and recommendations that indicate they are capable of excelling in a rigorous master's program. No single factor guarantees or prevents admission; all factors are weighed in the process.

## **Tuition and fees**

Students will pay tuition and fees to Allegheny College from their freshman through junior years. They will pay tuition and fees to Carnegie Mellon for their graduate program, either three or four semesters beyond the completion of the junior year, depending upon program. Allegheny students also will be responsible for paying a maintenance fee to Allegheny while enrolled at Carnegie Mellon in their senior year.

### **Conferral of Degrees**

Students will receive both the bachelor's and master's degrees upon completion of their graduate program at Carnegie Mellon. Allegheny College will count units taken during the master's program toward the student's bachelor's degree according to its policies and procedures. The Heinz School will forward to Allegheny College transcripts and other necessary information on student academic performance.

### **Scholarships**

Allegheny College students will be eligible for scholarship support from Allegheny College for their freshman through junior years. They will be eligible for scholarship support from the Heinz School for the length of their graduate program and can apply to any and all Heinz School scholarship funds for which they are eligible (based on program and the individual scholarship fund's specific requirements). Because Allegheny College students will not receive their bachelor's degrees until they complete the Heinz School degree, the federal government requires that Allegheny College be responsible for the processing of federal financial aids. To enable this, Allegheny and Heinz have entered into a consortium agreement.

### **Number of Students**

Each year, the Heinz School will admit a maximum of ten qualified Allegheny College students in the MSPPM and MSHCPM programs and a maximum of five qualified students in both the MAM and MISM programs.

### **Prerequisites**

The MSPPM, MSCPM and MAM programs do not have formal prerequisites for admission. However, because the curriculum is highly quantitative, students should take at least one 200 or 300 level in statistics and in pre-calculus. Students who have not taken this coursework may be required to attend a summer program at the Heinz School for six weeks prior to the start of their program. There is no tuition for the summer program. Students are encouraged to take necessary coursework while at Allegheny.

Students applying for the MISM program should have taken courses in Java programming and database management prior to admission.

Both universities understand that curricular requirements within the masters' programs are subject to change based on periodic program reviews. Both universities also agree

that the specifics of this agreement may be open for review and discussion in the future, including the number of students who can enroll, programs to be included, and admissions requirements.

**Additional Information**

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