

# our commitment

## Our Mission

Woodbury University's Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership program cultivates professional and personal leadership development. Students study and examine practices to guide strategic change and leadership at all levels in both the public and private sectors, enabling them to respond to the needs of organizations today and propel them into tomorrow. Through the analysis and practice of ethical principles, theoretical understanding, and professional development, we provide a comprehensive program that meets individual, organizational, and community needs. By developing the abilities of experienced working professionals, graduates are provided with the tools requisite of successful leaders, prepared for the challenges therein, and inspired to guide organizational prosperity.



"Woodbury University's Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership program has helped me better understand my skills and how to apply them as I work to expand our organization and support the community's needs in these troubled economic times. It has provided me with the tools to help me creatively approach organizational challenges, build teamwork, and achieve consensus among my staff, volunteers, and community."

**Barbara Howell**  
Executive Director  
Burbank Temporary Aid Center

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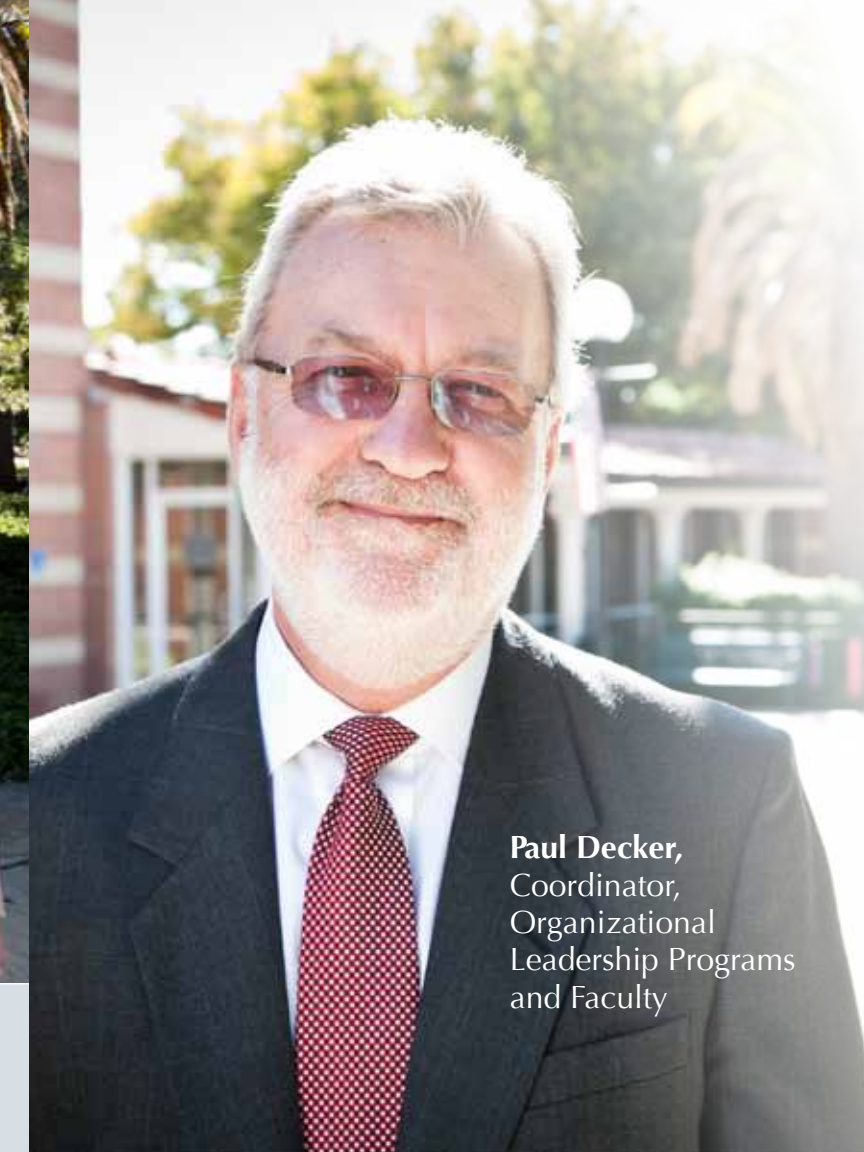
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MASTER OF ARTS IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP



**Paul Decker,**  
Coordinator,  
Organizational  
Leadership Programs  
and Faculty

## An Introduction to the Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership Program

The old saying goes that leaders are born, not made, but Woodbury University's Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership program has been proving otherwise since the program was initiated in 2003. As Paul Decker, Coordinator of Woodbury's Organizational Leadership programs, puts it: "The Masters program allows people to position themselves to respond to the needs of organizations today and move them forward. It's about strategic visioning, not micromanaging."

This Organizational Leadership program was designed both as a companion to the MBA Program and as a standalone academic and personal development opportunity intended to help adult learners develop the essential tools for leadership at all levels in both the public and private sectors. "Leadership demands effective communication, good decision-making, management and conflict resolution skills, and ethical behavior, and these are some of the core concepts that are taught as part of the Organizational Leadership program," says Decker.



Kenneth R. Nielsen, Ed.D., President

## Course Curriculum

The Organizational Leadership program is comprised of 30 units of coursework over three semesters.

ORGL 500 Organizational Leadership	ORGL 504 Conflict Resolution	ORGL 507 Personal Leadership Development
ORGL 501 Psychology of Organizations	ORGL 505 Strategic Communication	ORGL 508 Quantitative Analysis
ORGL 502 Ethics in Organizations	ORGL 506 Leading Innovation and Organizational Change	ORGL 509 Capstone in Organizational Leadership
ORGL 503 Group Dynamics		

## Our Program

The Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership program attracts professionals with diverse backgrounds who want to position themselves for success in management and leadership roles.

United by their common goals of professional renewal and success, students participate in a rigorous twelve-month program in which the cohort model is employed. From commencement to graduation, classmates remain together for the duration of the program, thus promoting the teamwork necessary for successful leaders in any business environment. In five-week sessions, students immerse themselves in the study of leadership, resulting in a mastery of both theory and application. This unique schedule enables working adults to balance work, school, and family obligations.

## Why Woodbury University's Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership is Right for You

- One-year program
- Classes one evening per week
- Small campus setting
- Low professor-to-student ratio
- Diverse student base, including professionals from publishing, law enforcement, government, social services, and non-profit organizations
- Practicing professionals
- Affordable tuition
- Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges

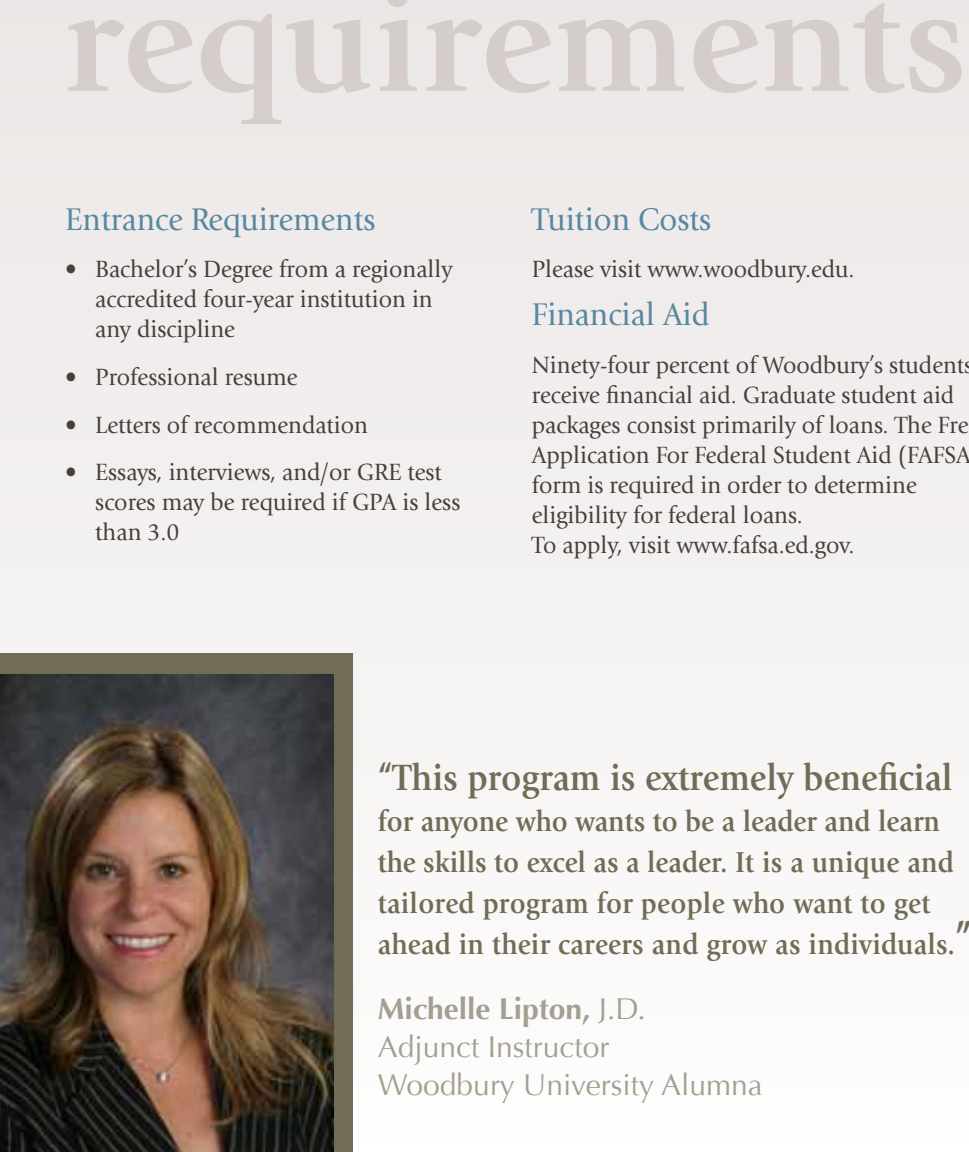
**"Woodbury has given me the opportunity to enforce my future."**

**Jim Uhl,**  
Sergeant,  
Whittier Police  
Department



**"Law enforcement is a rewarding, but dangerously unpredictable profession. The Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership Degree has broad applicability to the public, private and non-profit sectors. This degree not only prepares you for navigating through the challenges of law enforcement, but also prepares you for a supplemental career when your time in law enforcement is complete."**

**My life has been greatly enriched by this program. I am working on my Masters Degree and look forward to both promoting within my organization and teaching at the collegiate level."**



**"This program is extremely beneficial for anyone who wants to be a leader and learn the skills to excel as a leader. It is a unique and tailored program for people who want to get ahead in their careers and grow as individuals."**

**Michelle Lipton, J.D.**  
Adjunct Instructor  
Woodbury University Alumna



## FAQ's

**Are there any prerequisites to be admitted into the Organizational Leadership program?**  
A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college in any discipline is required for admission. There are no specific course requirements prior to admission into the program.

**Do I have to take the GRE?**  
If your cumulative undergraduate GPA is less than a 3.0, you must take the GRE and pass with a minimum score of 1000.

**Do I have to submit official transcripts from every college that I have attended?**  
Yes. Official transcripts in a sealed envelope must be submitted for every school you have attended.

**Do I have to submit letters of recommendation?**  
Yes. You may submit a formal letter or use the evaluation forms provided with the application.

**When is the application deadline?**  
The Organizational Leadership program does not have an application deadline. However, the program offers only 20 spaces per cohort model. Woodbury recommends submitting an application early to ensure enrollment into this program for your desired start date.

**Can I work while attending classes?**  
Yes. Our program is designed to meet the needs of working professionals. Classes meet once a week in the evenings.

**How long will the program take to complete?**  
This program takes one year to complete. Students attend classes for three semesters.

**What is the cohort model?**  
The cohort model is a unique format in which students begin, complete classes, and graduate together, forming a structure of teamwork and support.

## Join Us For An Information Session

The Office of Admissions hosts information sessions on a monthly basis. Visit our website at [www.woodbury.edu](http://www.woodbury.edu) to learn more about our upcoming events or contact the Office of Admissions at (818) 252-5221.

## Program Start Dates

There are three sessions: Spring, Summer and Fall. For specific schedules, contact the Office of Admissions.