

What are the admission requirements?

Applicants seeking admission to the LAM graduate degree programs must be holders of bachelors degree from any recognized institution. To qualify for regular admission status, a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.0 or equivalent is required. Applicants with GPA lower than the prescribed rating may be admitted on probationary status. The following requirements should be submitted by the applicant:

1. Accomplished application forms for admission – the forms can be secured from the Office of the Graduate School of VSU, or downloaded from the lamvsu website (<http://www.lamvsu.com>);
2. Official transcript of records bearing the official seal of the school;
3. Candid appraisal using GS Form No. 2 by at least two former professors or supervisors which must be sent directly to the Office of the Graduate School by separate mail;
4. A non-refundable application fee of Php100.00 in bank draft or money order remitted to VSU.

Foreign students have additional requirements which are described in the website.

What are the course requirements?

Enrollees to the DLAM program will take 19 units of course work. Those who will take MLAM shall be required to take 37 units, while those who will take the MSLAM shall be required to take 34 units of course work broken down as follows:

Courses	Number of Units		
	DLAM	MLAM	MSLAM
Major/Required	18	21	21
Elective	-	12	6
Graduate Seminar	1	1	1
Special Project	-	3	-
Master's Thesis	-	-	6
TOTAL	19	37	34
Minimum no. of sems to finish the degree	2	4	4

Students in the DLAM are required to submit and present synthesis paper, while MLAM and MSLAM students are required to pass the Oral Comprehensive Examination and defend their Special Project and Master's Thesis, respectively.

REQUIRED CORE COURSES

	No. of Units
LAMP211 – Land Administration and Management	3
LAMP223 – Land Tenure, Law and Policy	3
LAMP225 – Land Economics and Valuation	3
LAMP229 – Technologies for Geodata Collection, Analysis and Interpretation	3
LAMP231 – Land Conflict Management	3
LAMP234 – Urban and Rural Land Use Planning	3
LAMP298 – Research Methods (for MLAM and MSLAM students only)	3

ELECTIVE COURSES (6 units minimum)

LAMP221/DSOC221 - Sociology of Agriculture	3
LAMP224/DSOC224 - Demography	3
LAMP227/DSOC227 - Political Economy	3
LAMP235/DSOC235 - Collective Behavior and Grassroots Organizing	3
LAMP241/DSOC241 - Gender, Work and Food in Rural Societies	3
LAMP244/DSOC244 - Poverty, Peace and the Peasantry	3
LAMP247/DSOC247 - Social Program Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation	3
LAMP252/DSOC252 - Land Resources Management, Access and Benefit Sharing	3

GRADUATE SEMINAR (1 unit)

LAMP299 – Graduate Seminar	3
----------------------------	---

MASTER'S THESIS/SPECIAL PROBLEM

LAMP300 – Master's Thesis	6
LAMP300A - Special Problem	3

For inquiries, please contact:

The Dean
GRADUATE SCHOOL
Visayas State University
Visca, Baybay City, Leyte
6521-A Philippines

Tel. No.:(053) 335-2676; Telefax:(053) 563-7051

Website: <http://www.lamvsu.com>

The VSU LAM Graduate Program was developed in collaboration with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Australian Agency for International Development (AUSAID) and the World Bank (WB) under the Land Administration and Management Project Phase 2 (LAMP2).

LAM VSU
The Visayas State University
wants you to

Be the First!

Enroll in the country's **FIRST** and **ONLY** graduate degree offerings in Land Administration and Management

Diploma in Land Administration & Management (DLAM)

Master in Land Administration & Management (MLAM)

Master of Science in Land Administration & Management (MSLAM)



For whom is LAM Education?

The LAM degree offerings at VSU are for the land management officers and assessors, development planning officers of local government units, local government officials and city/municipal administrators, city and municipal engineers, and other interested individuals, including fresh graduates of geodetic engineering, civil engineering and other courses.

Why should you get a degree in LAM?

For those who are currently working in the land sector, getting a graduate degree in LAM will enable you to learn and use new technologies and improved service delivery systems developed under the first Land Administration and Management Project (LAMP 1). Thus, you will be able to better help the Philippine government fulfill its 20-year commitment to alleviate poverty and enhance economic growth by improving land tenure security and land utilization through better LAM services.

For fresh graduates, getting a graduate degree in LAM will broaden your opportunities for employment in agencies, organizations or institutions that provide services related to land administration and management.

Where is the program offered?

The program is offered at the main campus of the Visayas State University (VSU), a school which has a long tradition of instruction and research excellence. As proof of its instructional excellence, VSU has produced toppers in national licensure exams for agriculture, agricultural engineering, geodetic and geomatics engineering, and veterinary medicine.



The VSU main campus is situated in Barangay Pangasugan, Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines. It is about 8 kilometers north of Baybay City and 38 kilometers south of Ormoc City. It is easily accessible by land and by sea from the different parts of the province. All-weather airport facilities are located in Tacloban City and Ormoc City with up to six flights to and from Manila daily. Several inter-island passenger vessels including fast craft services ply from the city ports of Baybay, Maasin, Ormoc and Tacloban to the major islands in the Visayas and to Manila.

Who are the faculty of the program?

The program has seven highly qualified and internationally trained core faculty from a variety of relevant academic disciplines in VSU. They worked with experts from two foremost geodetic and land management institutions – the International Institute for Geo-Information Science and



Earth Observation (ITC) in the Netherlands and the Technical University of Munich (TUM) in Germany, to develop the course materials for the program. In addition to the core faculty, other highly qualified VSU faculty will handle the elective courses. LAM experts from DENR, Registry of Deeds (ROD) and other agencies may also serve as resource persons.

What are the LAM degree offerings?

The LAM graduate program has three degree offerings: one-year Diploma in Land Administration and Management (**DLAM**); two-year Master in Land Administration and Management (**MLAM**); and two-year Master of Science in Land Administration and Management (**MSLAM**). The program is ladderized so it's very easy for

you to move from the Diploma to the Masters if you find you have more time.

All of the three graduate degree offerings will train students to collect, analyze, and interpret geodata and other land-related information; develop and maintain management information systems that will help improve the delivery of land services; manage, mediate and resolve land-related conflicts; and assess land value.



Those who choose to take the **DLAM** will have one year of courses leading to the development of the skills mentioned above.

The **MLAM** is a **non-thesis program** that builds on the skills developed in DLAM. It will include a second year where students will take 12 units of a wide variety of elective courses and will be required to write a special problem.

The **MSLAM** is a two-year, **research-oriented program** that also builds on the skills developed in DLAM. Students who opt to take MSLAM will be trained to formulate and implement research and development programs that could help improve the delivery of land services by their organization. MSLAM students will also take 6 units of elective courses and are required to write a thesis.

When will the program start?

The LAM graduate program, which is a new addition to the regular graduate degree offerings of VSU, starts in June 2010. Weekend classes maybe offered depending on the number of students.