

Public Administration

Degree Program	Program Type	Dept Application Materials and Admission Criteria	Prerequisite Course Requirements	Department ADM Review	Dept Condition Admits	Dept Appeal Process
Public Administration BA	On campus	*No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Integrated BPA/MPA	On campus	*Students must first be admitted to the BPA *Additional qualifications for admission to the integrated program include: -Minimum 3.0 GPA for all previous college course work	*Completion of a basic course in American government or PSC 201, introductory microeconomics or ECO 201 and PSC 242 or equivalent course approved by the department	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Public Administration MPA	On campus & Online	<p>*Minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 2.5, or high GRE score</p> <p>*Competency in one computer spreadsheet applications package (e.g., Lotus or Excel)</p> <p>*Match between career goals and degree program</p> <p>*Writing skills</p> <p>*Students whose native language is not English must achieve a score of 550 or above on the paper-based TOEFL or 213 on the computer-based exam.</p> <p>*Completed MPA Department application form</p> <p>*Resume</p> <p>*Statement describing career goals and how MPA degree would enhance professional development</p> <p>*GRE exam scores are optional, but may be useful in cases of lower undergraduate GPA scores or to otherwise enhance application strength</p> <p>Online Only: Additional statement explaining preference for online program</p> <p>Application Deadlines:</p> <p>On campus: Applications are accepted at any time</p> <p>Online: Initial consideration</p>	<p>*Undergraduate courses in American national government, basic statistics, and microeconomics or a market-based economics survey course, with grades of C or better in each</p> <p>*Introductory U.S. government course or equivalent (PAD 501, PAD 504), microeconomics (PAD 504)</p>	The MPA director, in consultation with other Department faculty if needed	Yes, but only for students who need prerequisites	Yes				will be given to applications that are complete by March 1 for Fall admissions and October 31 for Spring admissions. Applications received after those dates will be considered on a space availability basis.			

Public Administration DPA	On campus	<p>*Submit portfolio that includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Educational & Professional goals statement (minimum 600 words) 2. 3 Letters of recommendation 3. A professional writing sample for which the applicant was sole author 4. Evidence of significant work experience in public affairs field <p>*Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to submit GRE scores as part of their portfolios</p> <p>*An interview may be required</p> <p>*Completed Master's degree Minimum cumulative graduate GPA of 3.25</p> <p>*Excellent oral and written communication skills</p> <p>*Fit between applicant's educational aspirations and faculty expertise</p> <p>*Quality of previous graduate performance</p> <p>*Ability to do doctoral-level work</p> <p>*Significant professional achievement in public affairs field</p> <p>Application Deadline:</p> <p>Application materials must be submitted by March 15 for admission to the cohort that will start in the Fall semester</p>	N/A	Screening	No	No	
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