

## **Master of Public Administration (On-Campus, Online, and City Cohort)**

### **When Do You Accept Applications and When Can I Start?**

Applications are accepted continuously.

- **Campus students** can begin the program in August (preferred), January, or May.
- **Online students** can begin in August, October, January, March, or May.
- **City Cohort** students can begin in August or January.

### **What are the Admission Requirements?**

The MPA program takes a holistic approach to the application review process. Your file is reviewed individually with equal consideration given to the quantitative and qualitative aspects of your record. .

- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 based on the last 60 hours of course work as calculated by the UTA Graduate Admissions
- Strong Letters of Recommendation (3 required). Recommenders can draft a traditional letter of support or complete a [downloadable recommendation form](#) on the applicant's behalf. All letters of recommendation can be emailed to Karolyn Field at [kfield@uta.edu](mailto:kfield@uta.edu).
- Essay of approximately 250 words: Why do you want to earn a master's degree in the program for which you are applying and what relevant background and experience do you bring to the program?
- A preferred [Verbal GRE score](#) of 450 (Revised GRE Test: 150), Quantitative GRE of 450 (Revised GRE Test: 141), and combined Verbal and Quantitative score of 1,000 (Revised GRE Test Combined: 291). Many applicants [waive the GRE](#) requirement based on various conditions
- Non-native English speakers only: TOEFL or IELTS scores TOEFL scores of at least 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), or 79 (iBT) with sectional scores that meet or exceed 22 Writing, 21 Speaking, 20 Reading, and 16 Listening; or, IELTS score of at least 6.5.

### **GRE Waiver**

The MPA program waives the requirement for an applicant to take the GRE under any of the following conditions:

- A 3.25 or higher undergraduate GPA based on the last 60 hours of course work AND at least three years professional non-profit or public service work experience (as judged by the MPA admission committee. Applicants should submit a supporting resume or other relevant documentation to the MPA Graduate Advisor, Karolyn Field)
- A completed graduate degree from an accredited program in a related field such as, but not exclusively, political science, economics, urban planning, social work, criminal justice, and sociology OR a 3.0 or better after 12 hours of coursework in the accredited graduate degree program.
- A completed UTA B.A. or B.S. with 3.0 or higher GPA

- An equivalent GMAT or LSAT score from an exam taken within the last two years preceding the time of application.

Official transcripts and test scores must be sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies by the institution and ETS respectively.

Your school/institution may submit transcripts electronically directly from them to the UTA Graduate Admissions Office via email at [grad.admission@uta.edu](mailto:grad.admission@uta.edu). Official transcripts and degree certificates should be sent to the admission office by postal mail to the following address:

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