

PhD Public Administration and Public Policy (PAPP)

The Doctoral Admission Committee determines admission based on the applicant's academic record, test scores, commitment to scholarly research, and overall fit with the program.

1. Official transcripts from colleges and universities attended. Information about submitting transcripts is available in the Graduate Catalog. Applicants are typically admitted unconditionally with a graduate GPA of 3.6.
2. Graduate Record Exam (GRE) a Verbal GRE score of at least 153 and a Quantitative GRE score of at least 144. GRE requirements are applied flexibly as different areas of study vary in the relative importance of quantitative and verbal analysis. GRE scores must be from a test taken in the past 5 years. In no case will standardized test performance be the sole or primary determinant of admissibility. Strength of letters of recommendation, quality of personal statement and master's degree field of study are also considered carefully.
3. For international applicants, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) official test scores. Information about submitting official test scores is available from the Graduate Catalog. The ETS code for UTA is 6013. International applicants are required to have a score of 213 or higher on the TOEFL (550 or higher on the written TOEFL; 79 or higher on TOEFL iBT). Foreign applicants with low Verbal and Writing GRE and TOEFL scores may be accepted conditionally or provisionally on taking Graduate English Speaking Program (GESP) exams and courses <https://eli.uta.edu/gesp.php> at UTA prior or during their Ph.D. education).
4. Three letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant's ability to do doctoral-level work and complete the dissertation. Letters from references who hold a Ph.D. degree are preferred.
5. Essay by applicant (minimum 500 words, maximum 1000 words). The essay is considered both for its content and writing quality. The essay should discuss: (1) tentative research topic, (2) how your undergraduate studies have prepared you for doctoral study in Public Administration and Public Policy; (3) identify your desired field area and a potential Public Affairs faculty whose area relates to your research interests; and (4) the reasons for wanting to earn the doctoral degree.
6. (Optional) applicant's sample of written work in English (e.g., thesis, publication, professional report).

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. Official transcripts and degree certificates should be sent to the admission office by postal mail to the following address:

Box 19167
701 S. Nedderman Dr.
Davis Hall Room B17
Arlington, TX 76019

Letters of recommendation and personal essay should be sent directly to the College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs at cappa.advising@uta.edu via email or postal service, at: CAPPa Program - Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Policy, Box 19108, Arlington TX 76019. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all application materials are received by the application deadline. Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline could be deferred.

The PAPP program admits doctoral students for Fall semester. The application deadline for the PAPP program is February 1st.