

MPA/MPP Admission Information

Admission Criteria

GPA	<p>The Grad College requires a 3.0 for Junior-Senior GPA. If we admit anyone with a GPA lower than 3.0, we must justify the admission.</p> <p>Students can be admitted provisionally—that is, with requirements to take specific courses and achieve specific grades.</p>
GRE Scores	<p>We require GREs—all 3 sections—though we will occasionally accept some other standardized test, such as the MAT or GMAT. We do not usually accept the LSAT as there is no quantitative section.</p> <p>The Grad College does not require GREs, and they cannot be the only reason for acceptance or denial.</p> <p>We do NOT have a set requirement for GRE scores. We consider the entire application, with particular attention to letters and personal statements.</p>
TOEFL scores	<p><u>Applicants are required to have a score of 550 paper-based, 213 computer-based, or 83 internet-based for regular admission.</u> This is a Graduate College requirement. We note that TOEFL scores reflect ONLY English ability.</p>
Letters of Recommendation	<p>3 letters of recommendation are required.</p> <p>2 must be from instructors who can evaluate applicant's college-level learning performance. We can make exceptions when students have been out of school for several years (e.g., 6 years or more). We have no set form, but suggest that letters should address attributes likely to contribute to success in graduate school, as well as in the public/non-profit sector.</p>
Goal Statement	<p>One-to-two-page written statement describing academic or personal goals and how the MPA or MPP pertains to those goals. Should never exceed 5 pages.</p> <p>Used to assess writing ability and programmatic fit.</p>

<p>Prerequisites</p> <p><i>Please note: even though some of these are prerequisites for specific courses, Statistics and American National Government are program prerequisites for the entire MPA, and Statistics and Economics are program prerequisites for the entire MPP.</i></p> <p><i>We often admit students who do not meet the Statistics and American Government prerequisites with the provision that they must complete them within the first semester after admission.</i></p>	<p>Statistics (MPA and MPP) Competency in statistics is met with a grade of B or better in PAF 401, POS 401, PSY 230, QBA 221 or SOC 390, or by taking a statistics test offered by the School, both no longer than 2 years before admission. Other courses can be accepted by the MPA/P Director; this generally requires presentation of a course syllabus.</p> <p>American National Government (MPA only) Students must demonstrate competency in American National Government by taking an undergraduate course in this topic and earning a grade of B or better, by passing the CLEP exam in American Government, or through work experience. POS 310, POS 110, PAF 300, PAF 340 meet this requirement. There is no time limit on this course. The MPA/P Director can approve other courses.</p> <p>Economics (MPP only) Competency in microeconomics is met with a grade of B or better in PAF 504 Public Affairs Economics or a similar course.</p> <p>Computer Proficiency We expect that all students have proficiency in computers.</p>
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<p>Concentrations</p>	<p>We currently have one MPA concentration which can appear officially on the transcript. There are no MPP concentrations at this time.</p> <p>Concentration in Nonprofit Administration (MPA only) Requirements are 501-506, 508-509, NLM 540 Volunteer and Human Resources in Nonprofits (in lieu of 507), NLM 510 Philosophical Foundations of Nonprofits, NLM 520 Fiscal Management for Nonprofits, one additional course from a list of 11, and 2 electives. For additional information, see http://spa.asu.edu/programs/mpaNonprofit.htm</p>
<p>Allied Certificates</p>	<p>We currently have three allied graduate certificate programs</p> <p>Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership and Management For more information, see</p>

[http://www.asu.edu/copp/nonprofit/edu/edu_grad.
htm](http://www.asu.edu/copp/nonprofit/edu/edu_grad.htm)

GIS Certificate

For more information, see
<http://www.asu.edu/giscert/>

Certificate in Transportation Systems

For more information, see
<http://design.asu.edu/transportation/index.htm>

Or there is information on the certificates on the
School webpage at
[http://spa.asu.edu/programs/graduate_certificate.
htm](http://spa.asu.edu/programs/graduate_certificate.htm)