



Master of Public Affairs

Fast Facts Sheet 2023

Mission

The Master of Public Affairs program advances excellence in public service through innovative teaching, cutting-edge research, and participatory engagement with the community. The program accomplishes this mission by preparing its students to serve as effective, accountable, and ethical stewards of the common good. It imparts essential knowledge, competencies, and perspectives to a diverse array of future and current professionals in government and nonprofit organizations. It supports the wider community through professional and leadership training, outreach and engagement with an emphasis on social equity and justice, and production of new knowledge through practice centered research.

The Master of Public Affairs degree is equivalent to a Master of Public Administration degree in all aspects other than the name. The MPA degree at UT Dallas is accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Affairs, Policy, and Administration (NASPAA). Find out more about NASPAA accreditation [HERE](#).



MPA FAQs

Find out more about the program and the degree requirements.

? What is the Program's size?

Total MPA program enrollment typically ranges from 50 to 60 students.

? How many semester credit hours are required to complete the Program?

36 credit hours are required to complete the Program. A 3-credit hour internship is required in addition to the 36 credit hours for students without professional experience in the public or nonprofit sector.

What are the Program's admission requirements?

? Applicants should submit the following items through the on-line application system [HERE](#).

- A graduate school application form
- An admission essay (a personal statement outlining the applicant's background, education and professional objectives)
- A resume
- Transcripts of an undergraduate degree with at least a 3.0 grade point average.
- Three letters of recommendation

? Is there a FAST track option for the MPA program?

The Program offers the FastTrack program to help qualified undergraduate students enter the MPA program. FastTrack students may take 15 hours of MPA courses in their senior year. These courses count toward both their undergraduate degree and the MPA degree.

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MPA Graduates

Graduate rates and employment

Degree Completion Rate

The expected time to completion for full-time students is five semesters. Actual completion rates vary by cohort.

	Initially Enrolled	Graduated within 2 years	Graduated within 3 years	Graduated within 4 years	Total Students Graduates and Persisting to Graduation
Total Number of Students in the 2016-2017 Cohort	22	5	14	16	16

MPA Employment Sectors

MPA employment sectors vary by cohort. Data from a recent survey suggest that the largest employers of UTD MPA graduates were local governments at 35.5% percent of the graduating class with the private sector coming in second at 25.8% of the cohort. Over half of MPA graduates in 2023 now work in government positions. The total number of graduates was 31.

