UT Dallas MPA Fast Facts

2018-2019

What is the Degree Program title?

Master of Public Affairs (MPA). 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): https://accreditation.naspaa.org/resources/roster-of-accredited-programs/

What is the MPA Program’s mission?

The Master of Public Affairs program advances excellence in public service. The program accomplishes this mission through three sets of activities aimed at preparing its students to serve as capable 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 in-service professional and leadership training, policy and management analysis services, and production of new knowledge through practice-centered research.

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 at https://www.utdallas.edu/admissions/graduate/degrees/detail.php?d=711

- 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 option 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 the undergraduate degree and the MPA degree.

What is the Program’s size?

Total MPA program enrollment typically ranges from 60 to 80 students.

What is the student composition of the MPA program?

In the 2018-2019 academic year, 60 percent of the MPA program were women and about 67% of the MPA students were part-time students.

What is the completion rate for the MPA program?

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

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What are the employment sectors of MPA graduates?

MPA employment sectors vary by cohort. Data from a recent survey suggest that 32 percent of the graduates were employed by local governments and 28 percent - by the state government. Additionally, 28 percent worked for the for-profit sector, 4 percent each worked for the national government and the nonprofit, and 4 percent were other, including seeking employment. There were 25 graduates in the 2017-18 graduating cohort.

Figure 1. MPA Graduate Employment, 2018-2019, n=25