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.

What is the Program’s size?

Total MPA program enrollment typically ranges from 60 to 80 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 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 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.

What is the student composition of the MPA program?

In the 2019-2020 academic year, 55 percent of the MPA program were women and about 57 percent 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 39 percent of the graduates were employed by local government and an additional 22 percent by the state government. Additionally, 11 percent each are employed in the nonprofit and the for profit sector, 6 percent were working on a higher education degree and an additional 11 percent were other, including seeking employment. There are 18 graduates in the 2019-20 graduating cohort.
MPA Graduate Employment, 2019-2020, n=18

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