

Application

BA-MPPA Accelerated Degree Program

Description: For qualified undergraduate students the Dept. of Political Science offers a BA-MPPA program in which a student may earn a BA degree with a major in Political Science and an MPPA degree (Master of Public Policy and Administration). This program enables a qualified undergraduate student to take up to 9 hours of approved graduate courses as a senior and to have these hours count toward BA degree electives and the MPPA degree.

Students typically are considered for conditional admission to the BA-MPPA program during or immediately following their third year of undergraduate study at UT.

Program Requirements: To be considered for conditional admission to the program students must:

- be a declared Political Science major (or Political Science major with a concentration in Public Administration)
- have a minimum overall GPA of 3.4
- have completed at least 15 hours of credit in Political Science
- have completed at least 90 hours of the 120 hours of coursework required for the BA degree with a major in Political Science
- provide an academic transcript, three letters of recommendation, and complete a personal interview with faculty in the Department of Political Science.

Selection Considerations: Applicants are strongly encouraged but not required to have completed Economics 201, PS 240 Introduction to Public Administration and PS 201/301 Research Methods. Faculty also may consider other relevant factors such as an applicant's work experience & level of maturity in decisions about conditional admission of students to the BA-MPPA program.

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

email: _____ telephone: _____

Date form completed: _____

Total hours completed to date: _____ Pol Sci hrs. completed to date: _____

Overall GPA to date: _____

Check any of these courses you have completed or are currently enrolled in:

Econ 201 PS 340/240 Intro to Public Adm. & Policy PS 401/201 Research Methods

What you Need to Know about the BA-MPPA Accelerated Degree Program:

- Conditional admission of a student into the BA-MPPA program must be obtained before taking a graduate course that is to be used to satisfy the requirements of both the BA degree and the MPPA degree. Students will be informed about the outcome of their application for conditional admission prior to the beginning of their fourth or final year of undergraduate study.
- A student who is conditionally admitted to the BA-MPPA program may during the fourth year of undergraduate study complete up to 9 hours of graduate credit that counts toward the BA and MPPA , provided that these graduate credit hours were approved by the Department Head (or designee) and by the Graduate School prior to satisfying all requirements for the BA degree. *The student MUST complete a “Senior Requesting Graduate Credit” form and submit it to the Graduate School prior to the undergraduate deadline for final registration for the semester in which the course(s) will be taken.*
- Conditional admission into the BA-MPPA program does not guarantee acceptance into either the Graduate School or the MPPA program. Students who have been admitted conditionally to the BA-MPPA program must apply for admission to the Graduate School and the MPPA program during their fourth or final year of undergraduate study following the standard application procedure for graduate students. A GRE score must be submitted as part of the application for admission into any graduate program in the Dept. of Political Science. Students will be fully admitted to the BA-MPPA program only after they have been accepted by both the Graduate School and by the MPPA program. Once fully admitted to the MPPA program, BA-MPPA students are required to complete the standard curriculum for the MPPA degree.
- A student will not be eligible for a graduate assistantship until the student has satisfied all of the requirements for the BA degree.