

# PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MPA

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	January 1
Spring Deadline	This program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	This program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required but may be considered if available.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not exclusively in English, must provide an English proficiency test score earned within two years of the anticipated term of enrollment. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/</a> ).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	2

The parts of the application include:

- Resume / CV
- Statement of purpose addressing our questions
- Two letters of recommendation
- Unofficial transcript showing a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 (or equivalent)
- Supplemental application including:
  - Prerequisite check
  - Quantitative essay about current or past professional work requiring quantitative or analytic skill or experience and how it has prepared you for graduate study in public affairs (recommended)

Prerequisite courses include: ECON 101 Principles of Microeconomics, A A E 101 Introduction to Agricultural and Applied Economics, PSYCH 210 Basic Statistics for Psychology or MATH 221 Calculus and Analytic Geometry 1 or MATH 222 Calculus and Analytic Geometry 2 or STAT 301 Introduction to Statistical Methods or SOC/C&E SOC 360 Statistics for Sociologists I, and POLI SCI 104 Introduction to American Politics and

Government. Applicants without this background may be admitted with the understanding that these courses will be completed before beginning the program.

The program may require admitted applicants to take the on-campus English as a Second Language Assessment Test and register for any recommended English as a second language course(s) in the first semester of graduate study.

**The La Follette School of Public Affairs only admits for the fall semester.** The priority deadline for admission is listed above in the table. Applications are accepted after this date on a rolling admission basis, but there is no guarantee that space in the incoming class will be available. Note that accelerated students are not able to apply to the dual or double degree programs with the La Follette School because of the rigorous schedule of the coursework.