

Applications for graduate enrollment can be obtained from the Admissions Office at 401 Pierce Hall. [Applications can also be submitted online.](#)

Admissions Contact Information:

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Admission Requirements

Applicants must:

1. Have an undergraduate GPA of 2.75, or 3.0 in the last half of the undergraduate program;
2. Submit a 250-word description of their academic and professional history and their professional goals in public administration;
3. Have a personal interview with the program director, which is strongly recommended as a part of the admission process;
4. Have one political science course in the fundamentals of American government, public law, state and local government or public administration;
5. Have earned a C or better if the preparatory course was part of a bachelor's degree; a B- or better if taken after the bachelor's degree;
6. Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) is not required; and
7. Applicants whose native language is not English must achieve minimum scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or 83 on the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) and minimum scores on the TWE. Students with scores below the minimum must take English as a Second Language (ESL) courses at EMU to raise their English proficiency to a satisfactory level before beginning courses in the M.P.A. program. These students may be admitted on a conditional basis, subject to successful completion of the ESL requirements. See Admissions' web site for minimum scores.

Conditional Admission

If applicants are deficient in the above prerequisites, they may be granted admission on a conditional basis, with degree admission subject to completion of the missing prerequisite(s). In lieu of the above prerequisite course, documentation of acquired proficiency and/or appropriate experience may be accepted at the discretion of the M.P.A. director.

Non-Degree Admission (Condition 4 Admission)

Promising applicants who do not meet the GPA requirements for regular degree admission may be granted non-degree admission. Such applicants must arrange for an admissions interview with the program director and submit two letters of recommendation from employers or others who can testify to the applicant's suitability for the program. Applicants may be granted degree admission after completing at least 10 graduate hours approved by the program director, with a minimum grade of 3.0 (B) in each course.

Degree Requirements

The Master of Public Administration degree is awarded upon satisfactory completion of 17 courses with at least 40 hours of appropriate credit. This includes 13 required or program courses and four electives. All pre-service students without substantial work experience in public administration must complete a 15-week equivalent internship experience and enroll in PLSC688 Practicum in Public Affairs. The director of interns in the Department of Political Science will work with the student to identify and supervise an appropriate internship. The minimum acceptable grade in each required course is B. Students scoring less than a B may repeat the course once, before being dismissed from the program.

For further information, contact the faculty advisor Dr. Don Koyluoglu at (734) 487-0063 or skoyluogl@emich.edu