

# INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MIPA

## ADMISSIONS

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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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 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           | 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 research or professional work requiring quantitative or analytic skill or experience and how it has prepared you for graduate study in public affairs (recommended)

### PREREQUISITES

Prerequisites are expected to be completed at the time of application and include:

| Code                                                                        | Title                                                 | Credits |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Introductory Microeconomics</b>                                          |                                                       |         |
| Complete one course                                                         |                                                       |         |
| PUB AFFR 380                                                                | Analytic Tools for Public Policy                      |         |
| A A E 101                                                                   | Introduction to Agricultural and Applied Economics    |         |
| ECON 101                                                                    | Principles of Microeconomics                          |         |
| ECON 111                                                                    | Principles of Economics-Accelerated Treatment         |         |
| POLI SCI 350                                                                | International Political Economy                       |         |
| <b>Introductory Macroeconomics</b>                                          |                                                       |         |
| Complete one course                                                         |                                                       |         |
| ECON 102                                                                    | Principles of Macroeconomics                          |         |
| ECON 111                                                                    | Principles of Economics-Accelerated Treatment         |         |
| POLI SCI 350                                                                | International Political Economy                       |         |
| <b>Introduction to Statistics or Calculus</b>                               |                                                       |         |
| Complete one course                                                         |                                                       |         |
| STAT 301                                                                    | Introduction to Statistical Methods                   |         |
| STAT 371                                                                    | Introductory Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences |         |
| MATH 211                                                                    | Survey of Calculus 1                                  |         |
| MATH 221                                                                    | Calculus and Analytic Geometry 1                      |         |
| POLI SCI 270                                                                | Understanding Political Numbers                       |         |
| PSYCH 210                                                                   | Basic Statistics for Psychology                       |         |
| SOC/<br>C&E SOC 360                                                         | Statistics for Sociologists I                         |         |
| <b>Introduction to Comparative Politics or International Relations</b>      |                                                       |         |
| Complete one course                                                         |                                                       |         |
| POLI SCI 120                                                                | Introduction to Comparative Politics                  |         |
| POLI SCI 140                                                                | Introduction to International Relations               |         |
| <b>Non-English or Study Abroad</b>                                          |                                                       |         |
| Three College Semesters of Non-English Language or One Year of Study Abroad |                                                       |         |

The program may require admitted applicants to take the on-campus English as a Second Language Assessment Test (<https://esl.wisc.edu/international-students/placement/>) 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.

**The final deadlines for applicants to apply during rolling admission are June 1 (international applicants) and August 1 (domestic applicants).**

**Note:** 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.