

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MPA

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
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: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/).
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
 - Required Quantitative essay about current or past academic, 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
Introductory Microeconomics		
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

Introduction to Statistics or Calculus

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/ C&E SOC 360	Statistics for Sociologists I

Introduction to American Government

POLI SCI 104	Introduction to American Politics and Government
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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.