Masters of Public Administration & Masters of Public Health  
MPA/MPH Joint Degree  
Admissions Process and Requirements

**Division of Public Health** website: [http://medicine.utah.edu/dfpm/public-health/](http://medicine.utah.edu/dfpm/public-health/)

**Master of Public Administration** website: [http://www.mpa.utah.edu/](http://www.mpa.utah.edu/)

The final deadline to apply for **Fall is February 15** (subject to change without notice). The MPA program accepts applications for Fall Semester only.

**Before applying to the MPA portion:**

If possible, meet with the MPA Program Manager.

The MPH/MPA takes approximately six semesters (going full-time). However, it is not a requirement to be a full-time student. Nine hours are considered full-time.

**Tuition Fees:**

- **Public Health** for resident and non-resident can be found here: [http://fbs.admin.utah.edu/income/tuition/school-of-medicine/](http://fbs.admin.utah.edu/income/tuition/school-of-medicine/). Public Health tuition includes a differential, make sure under the heading *School of Medicine* you select *Public Health Students*, not the General Graduate tuition.

- **Public Administration** for resident and non-resident can be found here: [http://fbs.admin.utah.edu/income/tuition/political-science-department/](http://fbs.admin.utah.edu/income/tuition/political-science-department/). In addition, students enrolled in any of the MPA core courses will pay a differential tuition rate of $109.20/credit hour (typically class is 3 credits so $327.60/class).

The Division of Public Health is not able to offer financial aid, however you can view the **University of Utah financial aid program** at the following url: [http://www.sa.utah.edu/finance/](http://www.sa.utah.edu/finance/)

**Residential Living** offers apartment spaces for single graduate students; apartments for students with families; housing to Post-Doctorates, and Research Assistants: [http://www.housing.utah.edu](http://www.housing.utah.edu)

**University Student Apartments:** [http://www.apartments.utah.edu/](http://www.apartments.utah.edu/)

We are here to help you successfully complete your application. If you have questions or need assistance, regarding the MPH please call 801-581-6385 and questions regarding the MPA please call 801-585-7985.
Application requirements for the MPH/MPA joint degree program:

Submit all application materials through [Apply Yourself](https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=utahgrad)

- You are responsible to Check Your Status online. Make sure all of the required materials have been submitted.
- A tutorial can be found on the Division of Public Health’s homepage.
- All transcripts must be received before your application will be considered. Please do not send transcripts to the MPH or MPA Offices.

**Three (3) Letters of Recommendation** - There is no specific format for recommendation letters. Please have three academic or professional (not personal) references. If you finished a degree (undergrad or grad) within the past two years, one of your three letters must be from a professor or instructor.

**Statement of Purpose/Personal Statement** – not to exceed 500 words

**GRE (General Graduate Record Examination)**

- Public Health Department Code 0616, School Code 4853
- Public Policy Department Code 4853, Program Code

The GRE is required for candidates without a terminal degree (M.D. or Ph.D.) earned in the U.S. GRE scores expire after five years. GRE Preparation courses: [http://continue.utah.edu/prep/](http://continue.utah.edu/prep/).

- **Current Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV):** Describing relevant work, community, and extracurricular experiences.
- **Pre-requisites**
  - MATH 1050 College Algebra or equivalent
- **Co-requisites** - Students do not need to complete the co-requisite before apply or beginning the program, but are required to complete the co-requisite before graduation.
  - Political Science 1100 American Government

- **International applicants:**
  - The TOEFL is also required. It expires after two years from the date test is taken. NOTE: International Students must submit their TOEFL score to the Graduate School with their application by Feb 1. The MPA Program requires a TOEFL score of 580 paper, 237 computer or 92 Internet, or higher. [International Students](#)
  - Please note an in-person interview may be required.

- **A candidate with a GPA below 3.0 will need to submit a justification letter. This letter will detail why their GPA is lower than 3.0 and why they feel they are prepared to pursue a Master’s degree in spite of their lower than accepted academic performance.**

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