

 <b>FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST</b> <b>Graduate Programs</b>	UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
	<b>Department</b> School of Public Administration  <b>College</b> Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters	
<b>Program Name</b> Master of Public Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Program*</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Change Program*</b>	<b>Effective Date</b> <i>(TERM &amp; YEAR)</i> Fall 2021
<p><b>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.</b></p> <p>[Please see attached]          Admission Requirements          Applicants to the Master of Public Administration program must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants who do not meet the 3.0 GPA requirement must submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores that are no more than five years old.</p> <p>International applicants for whom English is a second language must score 550 (IBT 79-80) or higher on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A graduate of a college or university outside of the United States who has completed an academic program equivalent to an American bachelor's degree may apply for admission to the M.P.A. program. All international applicants whose transcripts are from non-U.S. institutions must have their credentials evaluated course by course, including the GPA, by a professional evaluation service. A service may be found at <a href="http://www.NACES.org">www.NACES.org</a>.</p> <p>All applicants must have successfully completed ("C" or better) an undergraduate statistics course before applying for the M.P.A. program.</p>		
<p><small>*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.</small></p>		
<b>Faculty Contact/Email/Phone</b> Robin Larson rlarsen2@fau.edu 561-297-4569	<b>Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation</b> N/A	
<b>Approved by</b> Department Chair <u>Alka Sapat</u> College Curriculum Chair <u>[Signature]</u> College Dean <u>Eric Benlatsky</u> UGPC Chair _____ UGC Chair _____ Graduate College Dean _____ UFS President _____ Provost _____		<b>Date</b> <u>3/17/2021</u> <u>3/19/2021</u> <u>3/19/2021</u> _____ _____ _____ _____

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## **Admission Requirements**

Applicants to the Master of Public Administration program must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a 3.250 overall grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale ~~for the final 60 credits of undergraduate study~~. Applicants who do not meet the 3.250 GPA requirement must submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores that are no more than five years old.

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All applicants must have three letters of recommendation submitted on their behalf and each recommendation must be submitted via the M.P.A. online application system. Letters from professors from the colleges/universities attended are preferred; where that is not feasible, letters from current or past work supervisors are accepted. The recommender must address the applicant's ability to succeed at graduate-level academic work in public administration. (Personal recommendations are not accepted.)

The applicant must submit an essay about the her/his personal background, career aspirations in public service (including future career goals), and the reason(s) for pursuing graduate study in public administration. The essay should demonstrate graduate-level writing competency and should be written by the applicant. It should be at least three pages in length.

Admission is competitive. Applicants meeting the minimum university and/or program application requirements are not guaranteed admission to the program. All requested material must be submitted by the established deadline date (February 1 for summer admission, May 1 for fall admission and October 1 for spring admission). Materials received after the established deadline will not be considered; therefore, make sure that all application materials are in order before applying to the M.P.A. program.