

Modifications to Graduate Catalog 2007-2009

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Admission Requirements

1. Unconditional Admission

a. In addition to submitting the admissions application and materials cited above, applicants seeking unconditional admission must present a Graduate Record Examination score (verbal and quantitative scores combined) of at least 750. **This portion of the GRE is also called the General Test**

MPA applicants must meet the following requirements: students seeking unconditional admission to the program must have a minimum overall grade point (calculated either as overall GPA or last 60 hours) of 2.25, provided the student presents a correspondingly higher GRE General Test score. Similarly the minimum acceptable GRE **General Test** score would be 750, provided the student presents a correspondingly higher GPA.

This sliding scale for unconditional admission to the MPA program is as follows.

GPA (Four Year or Last 60 Hours)	GRE (composite Verbal/ Quantitative score)	GMAT
3.0	750	325
2.9	770	335
2.7~2.8	790	345
2.5~2.6	800	350
2.25~2.49	870	385
Below 2.25	1000	450

Persons having a Master's or other advanced degree need not submit a GRE or GMAT score.

b. In addition to the GRE General Test, students will need to produce a score of 4.0 or better on the Writing test portion of the GRE.

2. Conditional Admission

Applicants with at least a 2.50 undergraduate grade point average who have not submitted a score on the Graduate Record Examination may be conditionally admitted **for one term only**. Students admitted conditionally must submit an acceptable Graduate Record Examination

General test score, a GRE Writing Test score of 4.0 or better, and proof of satisfaction of prerequisite during the first semester of enrollment.

Persons having a Master's or other advanced degree need not submit a GRE score. Students with acceptable GMAT scores (325 or better) may submit the GMAT in place of the GRE (see above table for GMAT scores equivalent to the GRE). All scores, GRE or GMAT, must have been earned within 6 years of the anticipated matriculation date.

All Applicants:

1. are required to complete PISI 2010 or an equivalent undergraduate course in American national government satisfactorily prior to admission. A graduate-level course in this subject can also be used to meet this requirement. This prerequisite should be satisfied before enrolling in graduate-level courses for credit.
2. are expected to be competent in written and oral English.
3. must possess basic computer literacy.