



Master in Public Affairs – Accelerated Online (MPA)

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) offers a program leading to the degree of **Master in Public Affairs – Accelerated Online**. The MPA degree allows the student to select from two different tracks: Public Administration, and Public Policy and Management.

Public Administration is a discipline developed from the study of political science, management, and law. Public administration, both as scholarly study and professional preparation is interdisciplinary substance and methodology, borrowing from economics, sociology, psychology, business, and industrial engineering as well as political science and law.

The Public Policy and Management track has a dual-purpose mission: to conduct research into pressing policy issues and to share the findings with leaders and citizens in an effort to find viable solutions. Graduates will be skilled public managers with specific expertise in one of several policy areas.

The Global Security Studies and Leadership concentration prepares students for careers in intelligence, national security and other sectors of the global economy. This program will broaden the skill sets of students through focus on advanced research, effective team communication and critical analysis. The GSSL program will prepare students to work with people from different backgrounds, abilities, and knowledge bases.

Admission Requirements

Apply to the UTRGV Graduate College:

Step #1: Submit a UTRGV Graduate Application at www.applytexas.org. The university application fee of \$50 (\$100 for International Applicants) can be paid online by credit card or electronic check (in the online application). All application fees are nonrefundable.

Step #2: Register on the UTRGV Recommenders and Document Upload Webpage (www.utrgv.edu/gradupload). This is where you will request recommenders and upload program requirement documents, and where the graduate office will upload your transcripts. If you do not complete this step, we will not be able to process your application.

Step #3: Request your transcripts and other supporting documentation to be mailed to:
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
The Graduate College
Marialice Shary Shivers Bldg. 1.158
1201 W. University Drive
Edinburg, TX 78539-2999

Review and submit all Program Requirements:

- Online application at www.applytexas.org. The university application fee of \$50 (**\$100 for International Applicants**) can be paid online by credit card or electronic check (in the online application). All application fees are non-refundable.
- Undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0.

- Official transcripts from each institution attended (must be submitted directly to UTRGV).
- Personal Statement detailing professional goals and reasons for pursuing the graduate degree indicating references to previous employment and experience.
- Three names of individuals who may be contacted for personal or professional recommendation.

Additional requirements for domestic applicants who attended foreign universities:

- TOEFL or IELTS Language Proficiency Test with minimum scores: 550 on paper-based, 213 on computer based, or 79 on internet-based for the TOEFL; 6.5 for the IELTS. TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for 2 years. For additional information, [click here](#).
- English translation of educational records.
- Transcript Evaluation by the Foreign Credentials Service of America (FCSA). For additional information, [click here](#).

Additional requirements for international applicants:

- TOEFL or IELTS Language Proficiency Test with minimum scores: 550 on paper-based, 213 on computer based, or 79 on internet-based for the TOEFL; 6.5 for the IELTS. TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for 2 years. For additional information, [click here](#).
- English translation of educational records.
- Transcript Evaluation by the Foreign Credentials Service of America (FCSA). For additional information, [click here](#).
- Financial Documentation showing sufficient funds (minimum of \$25,000) to cover all expenses (living and academic) for the first year of study. For additional information, [click here](#).
- Immigration documents, including a current copy of your valid passport. For additional information, [click here](#).

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Deadlines

	Fall Module I	Fall Module II
Domestic	July 29 th	Sep 23 rd
International	July 29 th	Sep 23 rd

Recommenders and Document Upload Page

[Click here](#) to request recommendations and upload documents that are required.

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