

Public Affairs

Master of Public Affairs

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Facilities for Graduate Work

The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs is housed in Sid Richardson Hall, adjacent to the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum.

The LBJ School Computer Lab is reserved for public affairs students and is available 24 hours a day. It provides access to a variety of software useful for completing coursework such as ArcGIS and Stata. Ten dual-boot systems (run both Windows and macOS) are physically available in the lab along with four monitors that can be connected to a personal laptop using a ring of adapters. Additionally, the Computer Lab has 12 Windows systems available for remote connections which enable access to this software from a personal computer while off campus.

Areas of Study

This degree program aims to provide students with the skills and understanding required for effective professional leadership in developing and implementing public policies. Master of Public Affairs students may elect to organize their studies around certain areas of specialization. Depending on their qualifications, students can pursue the Master of Public Affairs degree through the regular program or through a dual degree program arrangement.

Graduate Studies Committee

The following faculty members served on the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) in the spring 2025 semester.

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Admission Requirements

Admission decisions are made by the Admissions Committee. The committee considers applicants' academic and employment records, their scores on the Graduate Record Examinations General Test,

three letters of recommendation from professors or employers, and a statement of purpose addressing the applicant's background and interest in public policy. A résumé and transcripts for all college coursework are also required.

While there are no prescribed course prerequisites, students entering the Master of Public Affairs program are expected to have completed coursework in three areas: mathematics and statistics, economics, and American government. Many students find it useful to take a review course in college algebra, calculus, and statistics the summer before entering the program.

Additional information on [degree requirements](#) and the [application process](#) is available from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs website.