(Application -- MPA Specific Info and Requirements page)

**[ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS](http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/apply.htm)**

**Bachelor's degree**

* May be in any subject.
* Received at a regionally-accredited institution of higher education or foreign equivalent.
* May be admitted provisionally pending completion.

**Minimum GPA** of 3.0 on 4.0 scale for last 90 graded quarter hours or 60 graded semester hours of post-secondary school coursework from accredited institutions.

* We will calculate your GPA after you apply.
* If your GPA falls below 3.0 but you are otherwise well qualified, we encourage you to apply: the Admissions Committee is permitted to make a few exceptions to this requirement every year.
* For graduates of Evergreen and other schools that use narrative evaluation: this requirement does **not** apply to you. Instead, we read through your evaluations to determine whether you're ready for graduate-level study.

**An MPA-approved introductory** [**statistics**](http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/statistics.htm) **course**

* You may apply for admission prior to taking statistics and be conditionally admitted, but you must complete the coursework before beginning your MPA studies in the Fall of admission.
* See approved courses on the [MPA Statistics Prerequisite page](http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/statistics.htm)

Evidence of **writing, analytical and general communication skills** of a quality and level appropriate for graduate study. The Admissions Committee considers all your application materials to look for evidence of these skills.

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[**MPA LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**](http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/apply.htm)

List two references from who we could request a letter of recommendation. Your references should be able to provide evidence of:

* Analytical and critical thinking skills
* Writing skills
* Oral communication and interpersonal skills
* Persistence despite difficulties or challenges

If you have graduated from college within the last two years of the Fall of admission, at least one of your references ***must*** be from a faculty member. Other potential references include:

* Current or former faculty
* Supervisors
* Colleagues

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[**RESUME**](http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/apply.htm)

* A chronological resume listing all positions held in at least the past ten years.
* Include any significant volunteer public or community service activities.
* Emphasize how a position relates to your proposed graduate work.

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### [STATEMENT OF PURPOSE](http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/apply.htm)

* Maximum of three (3) pages, double spaced
* Tell us what brings you to public service and to the Evergreen MPA program. Why do you want to pursue graduate study in public administration in general and at Evergreen in particular?
* Describe in detail your experiences in education, employment, and public or community work. How did those experiences influence you to seek a graduate degree in public administration?
* Speak particularly to the elements of the [Evergreen MPA mission](http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/studenthandbook/mission.htm); for example, working collaboratively, embracing diversity, and valuing fairness and equity.

This statement helps the Admissions Committee assess your interest and motivation for graduate study. The Committee will look at the fit between what our program offers and what you hope to receive from it.

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### [PUBLIC POLICY ESSAY](http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/apply.htm)

* Maximum of three (5) pages, double spaced, not including cover page, citations, etc.
* Addresses a public policy issue of interest to you.
* Should:
  + clearly explain the issue,
  + describe the major contending views,
  + argue a position, and
  + defend it with relevant evidence.
* May follow any standard style format for a college paper.
* Must include proper citations of all source material.
* You may use work that you have completed previously, as long as your final document meets the requirements for the policy essay.

We recognize that many applicants may not have written a public policy essay before. This is your chance to demonstrate college level writing and critical thinking skills. The Admissions Committee will evaluate your essay based on:

* the quality of its analysis and writing; and
* the coherence of its argument.

For some good examples of public policy essays, see the links to essays written by students admitted in Fall 2014 on the [MPA Application page.](http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/apply.htm)

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**MPA PREREQUISITE INFO**

*Let’s talk about how to mesh the prerequisite section with the other info.*

*MPA has just one prerequisite – statistics*