Do you accept transfer credits?
Rather than accepting transfer credits, the MPA program will waive up to four core courses and substitute electives for additional courses if the equivalents were completed with grades of ‘B’ or better prior to enrolling in the MPA degree program. Details are available on our curriculum web page.

Can students begin in the spring semester?
The MPA program admits for the fall semester only. However, students who have not completed the equivalent to Financial Accounting (ACC 381) must begin in the summer.

After graduating from the MPA program, will I be eligible to take the CPA exam?
All incoming students are required to meet with their academic advisor for an initial advising appointment. You will discuss your career goals and long term academic plan with your advisor. If your goal is to satisfy the requirements for the CPA exam, you will tailor your academic plan so that you are eligible to sit for the exam by the time you graduate. Please note that CPA exam eligibility requirements vary widely from state to state. Your educational background and the state in which you plan to sit for the exam will determine whether or not you will need to complete coursework above and beyond your MPA degree requirements in order to be eligible to sit for the CPA exam.

I work full-time. Do you offer any online or evening courses? Can I pursue the MPA program on a part-time basis?
The University of Texas at Austin does not offer a part-time, evening, online, or weekend MPA program. Students are expected to enroll full-time (in at least 9 credit hours) in the fall and spring semesters. Classes are generally held at various times within the 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. time frame.

Do you offer an MPA/MBA dual degree program?
We do not offer a dual MPA/MBA program. A student must complete these degrees separately through each individual program. Information about the McCombs MBA program.

Can I take MBA courses while pursuing the MPA degree?
MPA students enroll in graduate business courses (and co-mingle with MBA students in these courses) to fulfill the graduate business electives that are required as part of the MPA degree program. The number of business electives completed for the MPA degree varies for each student, depending on the number of core courses that are substituted with an elective based on equivalent coursework completed prior to entering the MPA program.