

FALL 2023 TRADITIONAL MPA ADMISSIONS ESSAYS

At Texas McCombs, we celebrate being a collaborative community that values each person's unique experiences, passions, and perspectives. Essays help us get to know you as an individual and how you would fit with our culture and community. We also use them to assess your communication and/or presentation skills.

This is your opportunity to give us more insight into your background, goals, and personality. Strong essays convey research, reflection, and your motivations for pursuing an MPA, specifically at the McCombs School of Business. Two essays are required for your Texas McCombs MPA admissions application. You can submit an optional statement if you would like to provide additional information regarding your application.

Essay 1 (Written) (Not more than 500 words)

Upload a PDF document in the admissions application.

Explain why you are interested in pursuing the Master in Professional Accounting degree at the McCombs School of Business and how obtaining the MPA degree will assist you in achieving your short- and long-term goals.

Essay 2 (Video) (One minute)

Record a video and provide a link to your video in the admissions application. If the video link is password protected, also provide the login information. Choose one of the following topics:

Imagine that you are in attendance at MPA orientation. Introduce yourself to your new classmates and faculty members. Highlight your background, talents, hobbies, interests, and/or other factors that make you unique.

Describe the most significant challenge you have faced. What steps did you take to overcome this challenge, and what did you learn from the experience?

Explain what you have learned about yourself from any group work that you have completed during your undergraduate studies.

Optional Statement (Written) (No word limit)

Optional: Upload a PDF document in the admissions application.

Please provide any additional information you believe is important to your application (e.g., details about any planned prerequisite coursework) or address any areas of concern that you believe will be beneficial to the MPA admissions committee when considering your application (e.g., explanation of academic performance or extenuating personal circumstances).

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