

# TRADITIONAL MPA

## ADMITTED STUDENT FAQ

### COMMITTING TO THE MPA PROGRAM

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#### **WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN I AM READY TO ACCEPT MY OFFER OF ADMISSION?**

Welcome to Texas McCombs! Log into the [McCombs application portal](#) and select View Decision (under the Submitted Applications tab). Your admission letter includes instructions for accepting your offer and submitting your enrollment deposit to lock in your spot in our incoming class.

#### **HOW LONG WILL YOU HOLD ENROLLMENT DEPOSITS?**

Enrollment deposits will be held until you register and initiate payment for fall classes. At that time, your deposit funds will be applied toward your fall tuition bill. Deposits are non-refundable if you do not enroll in the MPA Program.

### START DATE

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#### **HOW DO I KNOW IF I NEED TO START THE MPA PROGRAM IN THE SUMMER OR FALL?**

You must enroll in ACC 381 (Financial Accounting) unless you qualify for a [course waiver](#). If you qualify for a waiver, you will start your MPA coursework in the fall. If you do not qualify for a waiver, you will be required to enroll in ACC 381 in the second summer session which begins in mid-July.

#### **I NEED TO START IN THE SUMMER, BUT MY ADMISSIONS LETTER INDICATES I WAS ADMITTED FOR THE FALL. WILL THIS BE CORRECTED?**

We will backdate your admission to the summer after you submit your enrollment deposit. International students will be issued an I-20 based on the new summer start date. The Office of Financial Aid will create a financial aid package for the summer if you submitted a [FAFSA](#) to UT Austin.

### ADVISING AND ORIENTATION

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#### **CAN I SCHEDULE VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS FOR INITIAL ACADEMIC ADVISING OR CAREER COACHING?**

We offer virtual appointments for academic advising and career coaching.

#### **AM I REQUIRED TO ATTEND MPA ORIENTATION?**

Attendance at MPA Orientation is mandatory because important information about our program

is presented at orientation and because it provides an opportunity to meet your fellow classmates, alumni, faculty, staff and employers.

#### **WHICH CLASSES WILL I BE TAKING EACH SEMESTER?**

Each student's degree plan is customized. Your class schedule will be determined during your initial advising appointment

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## REGISTRATION

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### HOW AND WHEN DO I REGISTER FOR CLASSES?

The registration process is explained on [UT Austin's website](#). Registration dates and payment deadlines are listed on the "Important Dates" section of the [Newly Admitted MPAs webpage](#).

## FINANCIAL AID

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### HOW DO I APPLY TO FOR DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS OR AN OUT-OF-STATE TUITION WAIVER?

All admitted U.S. applicants are automatically considered for possible departmental scholarships and out-of-state tuition waivers (a separate application is not required). Our merit-based awards are offered to U.S. applicants who demonstrate a superior record of academic accomplishment in their application materials.

### WHEN WILL I FIND OUT IF I RECEIVED A DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP OR OUT-OF-STATE TUITION WAIVER?

If you receive a scholarship, you will be notified via email prior to your admission response deadline.

### ARE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS OR TEACHING ASSISTANT (TA) POSITIONS?

International students are not eligible for federal loans or departmental recruiting scholarships and therefore should be prepared to meet all expenses from their own resources. However, international students who completed an undergraduate degree in accounting are eligible to apply for a TA position

### WHERE CAN I PURCHASE TEXTBOOKS?

Textbooks can be purchased at the [University Co-op](#), but there are other book stores around campus and different websites where you can rent or buy textbooks.

in accounting. Additional details are available on the [MPA financial aid website](#).

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR A TEACHING ASSISTANT (TA) POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING?

Details regarding the Accounting Department TA positions are available on the [MPA financial aid website](#).

### WHO SHOULD I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT MY FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE?

Financial aid packages for graduate students automatically assume the enrollment of 6 hours in the summer and 9 hours in the fall. If you plan to enroll in more or fewer than 6 hours in the summer or 9 hours in the fall, you should contact a financial aid advisor at 512-232-6988 or [onestop@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:onestop@austin.utexas.edu) so that your financial aid package is adjusted accordingly.

### DO I QUALIFY AS A TEXAS RESIDENT FOR TUITION PURPOSES?

For detailed information, please visit the [UT residency website](#).

## HOUSING AND CAMPUS RESOURCES

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### WHERE DO MOST MPA STUDENTS LIVE?

The [Graduate School website](#) describes the various housing options that are available to students. The majority of MPA students choose to live off campus. Generally speaking, the most popular graduate student neighborhoods are:

- Hyde Park: Older rustic homes close to campus
- Enfield/Tarrytown/Lake Austin: Older houses, duplexes, and apartment buildings along 15th street and serviced by the UT Shuttle System

- Congress/Riverside: Apartments farther from campus but serviced by the UT Shuttle System
- West Campus: Closest neighborhood but this area tends to be populated by undergraduates

Visit [offcampus.utexas.edu](http://offcampus.utexas.edu) to learn more about housing, roommates, campus resources, and transportation in Austin. You can also start your search at [utexas.rent](http://utexas.rent) but be sure to search other websites for more options.

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### **WHAT TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS?**

Technology resources are outlined in the online [MPA Technology Orientation](#).

### **HOW CAN I GET MY STUDENT ID CARD?**

You can get your UT ID card at the [ID Center](#) located at the [Flawn Academic Center](#) (FAC). After you receive your card and before the first class day, the MPA Program Office will program your card for access to the MPA Lounge ([CBA 4.352](#)). Also note that when you pick up your ID card, your EID will also be upgraded to "high assurance." Highly confidential information and transactions are only available with a high assurance EID, such as accessing financial information and viewing your grades online.

### **WILL I RECEIVE A UT EMAIL ACCOUNT? WHEN CAN I SET UP THIS EMAIL ACCOUNT?**

[UTmail](#) provides UT Austin students with a university-affiliated email address for life. Those who opt in to the free service can choose their email address and have 30+ GB of email storage. Be sure to keep your email address current in [UT Direct](#) at all times.

### **WHAT STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD I CONSIDER JOINING?**

The [MPA Council](#) and [MPA Consulting Club](#) are student organizations that are specifically designed for MPA students and offer you great opportunities to make friends, gain leadership experience, and network with peers and business personalities.

## **INTERNSHIPS**

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### **AM I REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AN INTERNSHIP AS PART OF THE MPA DEGREE PROGRAM?**

Internships are an optional component of the MPA curriculum. The internship program is designed to give students an opportunity to combine their formal academic preparation with an exposure to the accounting profession.

### **I AM INTERNING THIS SUMMER AND STARTING THE MPA PROGRAM IN THE FALL. CAN I RECEIVE MPA DEGREE CREDIT FOR THIS INTERNSHIP?**

Degree credit cannot be granted for internships completed before starting the MPA Program.

## **EMPLOYMENT RECRUITING**

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### **WHAT TYPES OF CAREER FIELDS CAN I ENTER WITH AN MPA DEGREE?**

Employers from various industries recruit our students to fill a diverse range of internship and full-time positions. Detailed information about career opportunities and recruiting will be covered during MPA Orientation.

### **WHAT ARE THE PLACEMENT STATISTICS AND STARTING SALARIES FOR MPA GRADUATES?**

Visit our [website](#) for information on placement and salary statistics.

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