

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY™

Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

UGPC APPROVAL _____

UFS APPROVAL _____

CATALOG _____

DEPARTMENT: SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

COLLEGE: COLLEGE FOR DESIGN & SOCIAL INQUIRY

PROGRAM NAME: MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

EFFECTIVE DATE

(PROVIDE TERM/YEAR)

FALL 2013

PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REQUESTED CHANGE(S) AND OFFER RATIONALE BELOW AND/OR ATTACHED:

MINIMUM GPA REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION SHOULD BE RAISED TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF NUMEROUS STUDENTS WITH GRADE POINT AVERAGES BELOW 3.0. CAUSE OF PROBLEM MAY HAVE BEEN ELIMINATION OF GRE REQUIREMENT IN 2010.

SEE ATTACHED FOR CURRENT AND PROPOSED CATALOG LANGUAGE.

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Consult and list departments that might be affected by the change and attach comments.

Approved by:

Department Chair: *[Signature]*

College Curriculum Chair: *[Signature]*

College Dean: *[Signature]*

UGPC Chair: *[Signature]* 11-20-13

Graduate College Dean: *[Signature]*

UFS President: _____

Provost: _____

Date:

10/28/2013

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11/13/13

11-21-13

Email this form and syllabus to UGPC@fau.edu one week before the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting so that materials may be viewed on the UGPC website prior to the meeting.

CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Admission Requirements

The admissions criteria are established so that the program may educate diverse students who wish to manage and lead public and nonprofit institutions effectively, ethically and democratically. Applicants to the Master of Public Administration program must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and a minimum grade point average grade of "B" (3.0 on a 4.0 scale). In addition to an official transcript, applicants must submit a 500-word personal statement, including why obtaining the MPA is important to their objectives; two-to-three letters of recommendation (preferably from full-time, tenured or tenure-track faculty); an academic writing sample; and a résumé. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee admission.

Applicants who fail meet the above requirements may be considered for admission by exception and must also submit GRE scores that are no more than five years old. Such petitions require the recommendation of the MPA committee and the approval of the M.P.A. coordinator.

PROPOSED CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the MPA program must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants must also submit a résumé. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee admission.

International applicants for whom English is a second language must score 550 (IBT 79-80) or higher on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Applicants who do not meet the minimum grade point average requirement of 3.2 may be considered for admission by exception, and must also submit GRE scores that are no more than five years old. These applicants are also encouraged to include a personal statement, two letters of recommendation (preferably from full-time, tenured or tenure-track faculty), and/or an academic writing sample.