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- Undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.8
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Each prospective student must:
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- Provide a current professional résumé
- Submit an essay
- Provide three letters of recommendation
- Score 550 or better on the written-based (213 on the computer-based) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if you are an international student whose first language is not English.

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Financial Assistance
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- The College of Graduate Studies offers diversity fellowships and King/Chávez/Parks Future Faculty Fellowships.
- The Edward Potthoff Memorial Scholarship program offers limited financial scholarships to MPA students pursuing careers in local government.
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- PSC 714 (3) Program Analysis and Evaluation
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Internship (0-3 hours)

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- PSC 565 (3) Managing Modern Local Government
- PSC 566 (3) Intergovernmental Relations in the United States
- PSC 585 (3) Public Sector Information Technology Management

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If no concentration or emphasis is selected, the student may choose 9 to 12 hours from the following courses for a general administration track.

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- PSC 566 (3) Intergovernmental Relations in the United States
- PSC 585 (3) Public Sector Information Technology Management
- PSC 712 (3) Implementation and Reform of Public Programs
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- PSC 774 (3) Strategic Planning for Public/Non-Profit Organizations
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