About the PhD Program in Public Affairs

The Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri offers an interdisciplinary PhD in Public Affairs that prepares graduates for careers in universities, colleges and applied research settings in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Students complete core sequences in public policy and management as well as research methods, and specializations tailored to students’ research interests.

Degree Requirements

Below are the courses that would be in a typical doctoral program in Public Affairs. Courses chosen by an individual student can vary.

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Required Application Materials

A student’s application is complete when all of the following materials have been received.

- University of Missouri Graduate School online application (https://applygrad.missouri.edu/apply/) (application fee required)
- Statement of interest (500 words)
- Curriculum vitae/Résumé
- Writing sample
- Personal data sheet
- Three letters of recommendation
- Unofficial undergraduate and graduate transcripts (official will be required after admitted)
- Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score report (must be sent by ETS)
- Official TOEFL score report (must be sent by ETS; required of applicants whose native language is not English)

Entrance Exams

- The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required of all applicants.
- Applicants whose native language is not English must achieve a score of 625 (107 iBT) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
- Use the following codes to submit test scores to the Truman School:
  - University of Missouri-Columbia Institution Code: 6875
  - Truman School Department Code: 2204

Cost of Attendance and Financial Aid

Prospective students should visit the Graduate School’s financial information (https://gradschool.missouri.edu/funding/pay-your-bill/) and support web page for current information about tuition and fees. The University’s Office of Student Financial Aid (https://financialaid.missouri.edu/) provides information about other types of aid students can obtain, including federally financed student loans.

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