

School of Public Service  
**Master of Public Administration**



## **GUIDELINES FOR WRITING YOUR ADMISSION ESSAY**

Master of Public Administration applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree. Those applicants with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.80 or higher earn admission to the program. Applicants with a GPA under 2.80 must submit an essay of 500–750 words. The essay topic should address the applicant’s educational goals or a public administration-related issue. A committee reviews the essay and makes an admissions recommendation. The applicant should use correct grammar, punctuation, spelling, and syntax in the essay.

**Because good writing skills will be very important for your success, the essay will be used to assess your ability to communicate effectively in writing. Therefore, the essay should represent your best writing effort.**