

PUBLIC POLICY

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

All applicants will submit a résumé or curriculum vitae, two letters of recommendation, and a personal statement addressing their reasons for pursuing a graduate degree in public policy and discussing their plans and goals.

The language of instruction at Penn State is English. English proficiency test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) may be required for international applicants. See GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.

English proficiency test scores must meet or exceed the minimum acceptable scores listed in GCAC-305. Applicants with a score of 19 or higher on the speaking section of the TOEFL Internet-based test will be considered for admission, though a score of 23 or higher is desirable. The minimum IELTS score required for admission is 7.0 (overall, and in each of the subsections).

Admissions will be based on a review of all submitted materials and spaces will be offered to the best qualified applicants, taking into account academic achievement, relevant work experience and other indices of aptitude for advanced study in public policy.