MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (M.P.A.)
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

ENTERING THE M.P.A. PROGRAM

1. Make application to the Graduate School.

2. Submit three (3) letters of recommendation to the Department of Political Science. These may be from former professors, employers, supervisors, or anyone else in a position to reasonably speak of your preparation and likelihood for success in graduate work. Be sure that the required reference forms are attached to each letter.

3. Submit a Statement of Career Objectives to the Department of Political Science. This should be from one (1) to three (3) pages in length and should address your hopes for your career with particular emphasis on why you have decided to pursue the M.P.A.

4. Have your transcripts sent to Graduate Studies (P.O. Box 8075, Pocatello, ID 83209). This should include all undergraduate and graduate transcripts from this or any other institution you have attended.

5. Sign up for and take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). You can sign up for it at the University Counseling and Testing Center. On an individual request basis, we have also accepted GMAT scores. This is possible if you have already taken that test and obtained an acceptable score; otherwise, the GRE is required. You will not be admitted into the program without an acceptable score.

REQUIREMENTS

You want to be a classified student. For the M.P.A. degree you obtain this status by:

1. Having an average score in the 35th percentile or above on any one of the three sections of the GRE exam. However, GRE requirements can be waived by the Graduate School depending upon your undergraduate GPA;

2. Having an overall 3.00 grade point average from your last two years of undergraduate work or 3.5 in 12 credits of graduate work;

3. Having three (3) letters of recommendation sent to the Department of Political Science;

4. Submitting a statement of career objectives to the Department of Political Science.