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**2.Proposed Change**

Raise Master of Public Administration program admissions standards as indicated below.

**3.Effective Date**

8/1/2017

**4.Justification –** *Please provide details as to why this change is necessary.*

Many other accredited MPA programs use similar admission standards or else require the students to take the GRE. We are trying to bring our program in line with national accredited program admission standards.

**Bulletin Changes**

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Program of Study for the Master of Public Administration

MISSION

The Master of Public Administration at Arkansas State University exists to enhance individual,

organizational, social and governmental capacity in the public and non-profit sectors by equipping preservice

and mid-career students with sound management skills and a public/non-profit philosophy to

lead public institutions of the future with integrity, innovation, excellence and professionalism.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission to the MPA program, in addition to meeting Graduate School

admission requirements applicants must provide:

• Three letters of recommendation

• A statement of purpose indicating why the student wishes to undertake the MPA

Moreover, an applicant’s undergraduate background must include courses with grades of “C” or

higher in American national government and principles of economics or their equivalents. If the student

is deficient, these courses must be taken in addition to the graduate course requirements specified

below. Such undergraduate deficiencies must be completed prior to or during the first graduate enrollment

period.

Any potential graduate transfer credits must be from another NASPAA (National Association of

Schools of Public Affairs and Administration)-accredited program to be eligible for consideration. Per

Graduate School guidelines, to gain unconditional admission a student must also have a 3.0 GPA for

any prior graduate courses or programs. Only 9 hours of transfer work will be accepted.

For unconditional admission, a student must have a minimum cumulative undergraduate grade

point average of ~~3.0 (or 3.2 in the last 60 hours)~~ 3.2*.*

For conditional admission, academic proficiency must be established by a minimum cumulative

undergraduate grade point average of ~~2.75~~ 3.0*.*

Students who earn “D” or “F” grades in graduate work elsewhere will not be admitted to the

program. Students who earn “F” grades in the MPA at Arkansas State University will not be re-admitted

to the program.