

Bachelor of Liberal Arts/Master of Public Administration Shared-Credit Degree Program

Spring Application Timeline

August

1. School of Public Administration (SPA), in consultation with the BLA program, reviews students' records to determine eligibility for SPA invitation to apply (3.25 GPA and approximately 90 credit hours).
2. SPA sends invitations to apply via email. BLA program is provided with a copy of the list.

October

3. Students invited to apply for Spring admission must submit their applications by the October 15th deadline.

November – December

4. SPA faculty reviews applications and provides admission recommendations to the SPA Director.
5. SPA Director approves admissions into the BLA/MPA Shared-Credit Degree Program. SPA sends admission acceptance notifications for each student with a copy to the BLA program, Office of Graduate Studies (OGS), and the Offices of Registrar.
6. Students who return their Letter of Acceptance are provisionally admitted, and will include the required MPA core courses, (up to 6 courses), that will count as both undergraduate and graduate credit.

January – Graduation

7. The University College of Liberal Arts & Integrated Studies (UCLAIS) monitors accepted undergraduate students' progress to ensure satisfactory completion of all undergraduate requirements.
8. Upon successful completion of all undergraduate requirements, students earn their BLA degree and enter the MPA graduate program with 18 hours completed.

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Fall Application Timeline

January

1. School of Public Administration (SPA), in consultation with the BLA program, reviews students' records to determine eligibility for SPA invitation to apply (3.25 GPA and approximately 90 credit hours).
2. SPA sends invitations to apply via email. BLA program is provided with a copy of the list.
3. Students invited to apply for Fall admission must submit their applications by the April 15th deadline.

March – April

4. SPA faculty reviews applications and provides admission recommendations to the SPA Director.
5. SPA Director approves admissions into the BLA/MPA Shared-Credit Degree Program. SPA sends admission acceptance notifications for each student with a copy to the BLA program, Office of Graduate Studies (OGS), and the Offices of Registrar.
6. Students who return their Letter of Acceptance are provisionally admitted, and will include the required MPA core courses, (up to 6 courses), that will count as both undergraduate and graduate credit in the Fall.

May – Graduation

7. The University College of Liberal Arts & Integrated Studies (UCLAIS) monitors accepted undergraduate students' progress to ensure satisfactory completion of all undergraduate requirements.
8. Upon successful completion of all undergraduate requirements, students earn their BLA degree and enter the MPA graduate program with 18 hours completed.