

## Admission Requirements and Process

The Master of Public Health program at UC Davis is designed for individuals with an interest in disease prevention and community health. The application deadlines are December 1 (Priority deadline), January 15 (General deadline) and June 1 (Space Available Deadline). For access to the online admission application please visit <http://www.gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/prospective/applicationlanding.html>.

The UC Davis MPH program is a member of ASPPH and accredited by CEPH, but does not use SOPHAS for admissions. Only one application is required for admissions and is submitted through the UC Davis Office of Graduate Studies. Admission is for Summer Session II, which begins the **first week of August**. Students are expected to attend the mandatory New Student Orientation, which is scheduled the week before the first day of class.

Deadline	What it means for the applicant
<b>Priority Deadline</b> <b>December 1</b>	Applicants who submit their application to the graduate program by the <i>Priority Deadline</i> will receive priority review for admission once their file is <u>complete</u> . Final deadline for supplemental materials (transcripts, letter of recommendations and GRE scores) is <b>February 14</b> .
<b>General Deadline</b> <b>January 15</b>	Applicants who apply by the <i>General Deadline</i> (but after the <i>Priority Deadline</i> ) <u>will</u> have their files formally reviewed for admission by the graduate program but <u>will not</u> be reviewed on a priority basis, once their file is <u>complete</u> . Final deadline for supplemental materials (transcripts, letter of recommendations and GRE scores) is <b>February 14</b> .
<b>Space Available Deadline</b> <b>June 1</b>	Applicants who apply by the <i>Space Available Deadline</i> (but after the <i>General Deadline</i> ) are <u>not</u> guaranteed to have their application reviewed by the graduate program. Their applications will be reviewed <u>only</u> if the graduate program determines that it has additional space available. Final deadline for supplemental materials (transcripts, letter of recommendations, and GRE scores) is <b>June 13</b> .

### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution with at least a 3.0 grade-point average (GPA) on graduation. Degrees must be conferred before the program starts in August. An official transcript is required from each undergraduate or graduate institution you attended. You will be instructed to upload scanned copies of your transcripts after you have submitted your online application. For more details, please visit <https://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/submit-transcripts>. Prior UC Davis students do not need to order UC Davis transcripts. Once your application has been submitted your UC Davis transcripts will be requested for you. Please note that this does not apply to UC Davis Extension coursework. *(All application materials, including transcripts and GRE scores, become the property of the MPH Program and cannot be borrowed, photocopied, returned to applicants, or sent elsewhere.)*

2. Applicants must be in a good academic standing and must disclose any past or present academic misconduct, institutional actions, felonies and misdemeanors.
3. The following prerequisite courses are required for admission:
  - Mathematics** (equivalent at least to UC Davis' pre-calculus Math 12 or Statistics 13),
  - Biological Sciences** (equivalent at least to UC Davis' Biology 2A),
  - Social Sciences** (for example, courses equivalent to UC Davis' General Psychology PSC 1, or Cultural Anthropology ANT 2, Principles of Microeconomics ECN 001A, or Introduction to Sociology SOC 1 courses).
4. Complete and submit results from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). For reporting scores, use the Institution Code: 4834 and Department Code: 0616. Note: GREs are required for all applicants, with two exceptions: (1) current students in, or recent graduates of, a US or Canadian MD/DO degree program may submit MCAT scores in lieu of the GRE providing these were taken within 10 years of application, and (2) current students or recent graduates of a U.S. MBA program may submit the GMAT scores in lieu of GRE providing these were taken within 7 years of application. The GRE and other submitted test scores must be taken within 7 years of application, except as noted. There is no minimum for test scores and no exceptions to the rules above.
5. The UCD Office of Graduate Studies requires the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if your native language is not English or your instruction has not been in English. The minimum score required for admission to graduate study at UC Davis is 550 for the paper test or a score of 80 for the Internet-based test. TOEFL scores expire after two years. Scores that are older than two years will not be accepted by Graduate Studies. Although an 80 iBT score is the minimum required for admission, additional English language testing may be required of admitted students with iBT scores below 104.
6. CV and/or résumé listing your experience and background in public health.
7. A Statement of Purpose
8. Personal History and Diversity Statement
9. Three academic or professional recommendations (in English) are required. Letters of recommendation are submitted electronically through the online application. Letter service letters are not accepted. There are no exceptions to the online submission rule.

## Tips for preparing your Statement of Purpose and Personal History and Diversity Statement

### Statement of Purpose\*

The online admission application asks you to describe your academic plans and research interests, your specialization within your academic field, your research experiences, your career goals, and fit for pursuing graduate study at UC Davis.



- Describe to us how you will be a successful Master of Public Health Student at UC Davis. Each statement you write should have a clear purpose.
- Keep the statement within the character limit (4000 characters) provided by the Office of Graduate Studies. Your statement should be clear, concise, and relevant.
- Do not let the Admissions Committee assume anything; be explicit in addressing the following:
  - What in your background, history, training, and experiences (personal, professional, academic) have led you to pursue graduate training and a career in public health?
  - What are your future career goals in public health (e.g., what health condition or population do you want to work with? What do you see as your contribution in public health)?
  - Why do you need an MPH degree to meet your professional goals?
  - Why UC Davis?

### Personal History and Diversity Statement\*

- This statement should reflect on experiences and/or circumstances that are not directly related to your pursuit of graduate training in public health, but have an impact of your candidacy as an applicant. The more directly related something is to your application, the more appropriate it is to put in your Statement of Purpose.
- Address how your personal background (educational, familial, cultural, economic, social experiences, challenges, community services) contributes to the social, intellectual, or cultural diversity of public health and/or how you might serve educationally underrepresented segments of society with an MPH degree.
- Address any academic difficulties and/or challenges you may have had in school.

*\*These are merely suggestions and it should be noted that addressing all these suggestions does not guarantee admission to the MPH program. This may not be applicable or relevant to other MPH programs and you should check with each individual program on their requirements for admission.*

## Frequently Asked Questions



### Is there rolling admissions?

No; the program admits for Summer Session II only. Students need to apply by one of the application deadlines. Late applications are not accepted.

### Is there an advantage to applying by the December 1 priority deadline?

Applicants applying by December 1 will be given priority review if their file is complete at the time of the review meeting. It is possible to receive an early admissions decision, but it is not guaranteed.

### What are the average GPA and GRE scores?

Admissions cycle 2016

Averages	Undergraduate GPA	Graduate GPA	Verbal Reasoning	Quantitative Reasoning	Analytical Writing
Applied	3.34	3.47	60	56	59
Offered admission	3.46	3.47	70	60	69

**Applicants below an overall 2.9 GPA or below the 50 percentile in the three GRE test sections should contact the MPH program for admission advising.**

### How many applications do you receive, and how many do you admit?

The program received 139 applications for the 2016 application cycle. The program aims to fill a cohort of 35 students a year.

### Can I double major with another graduate or professional program at UC Davis?

No; the MPH program is a professional degree and charges professional program tuition. You can, however, apply to additional programs while in the MPH and continue your studies here after earning your MPH.