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Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

COLLEGE: COLLEGE FOR DESIGN & SOCIAL INQUIRY

PROGRAM NAME:

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MPA)

EFFECTIVE DATE

(PROVIDE TERM/YEAR)

FALL 2016

PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REQUESTED CHANGE(S) AND OFFER RATIONALE BELOW AND/OR ATTACHED: The School of Public Administration faculty voted to change the MPA admission requirements to more closely align our requirements with those of other MPA programs in Florida public universities and to improve the quality of students in our nationally accredited MPA program.

Admission requirements in the current FAU 2015-2016 catalog: Applicants to the Master of Public Administration program must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and a cumulative minimum grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants must also submit a résumé. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee admission. International applicants for whom English is a second language must score 550 (IBT 79-80) or higher on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Applicants who fail to meet the minimum grade point average requirement of 3.2 may be considered for admission by exception and must also submit GRE scores that are no more than five years old. These applicants are also encouraged to include a personal statement, two letters of recommendation (preferably from full-time, tenured or tenure-track faculty), and/or an academic writing sample.

New MPA Admission Requirements for the Fall 2016 catalog: FAU Master of Public Administration (MPA) program applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale for the final 60 credits of undergraduate study. Applicants must have successfully completed (C grade or better) an undergraduate statistics course before applying to the FAU MPA program. Applicants who do not meet the 3.5 GPA requirement must submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores that are no more than five years old. International applicants for whom English is a second language must score 550 (IBT 79-80) or higher on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Applicants must submit a current professional résumé, including public service experience (paid or voluntary), three letters of recommendation specifically for the MPA program, evaluating scholarly and professional capacity. Letters from professors from the colleges/universities attended are preferred; where that is not feasible, letters from current or past work supervisors will be accepted. The recommender must address the applicant's ability to succeed at graduate-level academic work, and an essay about the applicant's personal background, career aspirations in public service (including future career goals), and the reason(s) for pursuing graduate study in public administration. The essay should demonstrate graduate-level writing competency and should be written by the applicant. It should be three pages in length (double-spaced).

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Consult and list departments that might be affected by the change and attach comments.

None

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