BATTEN APPLICATION WALKTHROUGH

Accelerated Master of Public Policy
PART ONE: CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT

You will need to create an account if you have not previously applied to Batten or made an appointment with a member of the Admissions team!
STEP ONE: VISIT OUR WEBSITE

To start your application, visit batten.virginia.edu and hit APPLY in the top right corner.
Create an account if you have not previously applied to Batten or made an appointment with a member of the admissions team.
Fill in your personal information and hit “Create Account.”
Your account is now created, and you will create a new password using the link in your email.
Hi Courtney Test,

Please click here to set a password for University of Virginia - Batten School.

Thanks,
Frank Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy
Create a new password. This will be the password you will use to log back into the portal to continue working on your application.
You have now entered your applicant dashboard. From here, you can view all your applications to Batten as well as start a new application.
Since you are applying for the Accelerated MPP, select “Start Application” under “Graduate.”
Select the Accelerated MPP program and Fall 2021 entry and hit “Start Application.”
After logging back into the portal, you can look at the status of all your Batten applications. Click on each application to continue working on it.
PART TWO: THE APPLICATION

*Note: You do not need to complete the application in one sitting. You can use your account information to log back into the portal as many times as you need to complete the application!
This is the opening screen of the application. You can use the sidebar navigation to jump back and forth between sections without scrolling.
These are the main sections of the application, and the dots help you to track your progress.

- An open circle is a section that has not yet been started.
- A yellow circle indicates a section that is missing some information.
- A green circle means you have included all required information for the section.
You will have to fill in information for each line that has a red dot next to it. You do not have to include information for every question.

Biographical Information

First / Given
- Test

Middle Name
Test

Last / Family
- Test

Suffix

Preferred Name (if applicable)
Preferred Name
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Previous Name (if applicable)

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Please select an option

To previous
Month  Day  Year

From Previous
Month  Day  Year

Would you like to report another previous name?

☐
Biographical Information

- Sex assigned at Birth
  - Male
  - Female

The University of Virginia supports LGBTQIA students and does not discriminate based on responses to the following optional questions. Please see our non-discrimination statement for more information. Responses will not be used in the admissions decision-making process, but may be used to establish or connect students with potential resources.

If you would like the opportunity, we invite you to identify your non-binary gender identity.

Do you identify as a gender or sexual minority (e.g. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, etc.)?
  - Yes
  - No
### Biographical Information

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### Legal Residence

- **What is your country of legal residence?**
  - United States

- **If your country of legal residence is the United States, what is your state of legal residence?**
  - VA

- **If your state of legal residence is Virginia, what is your county of legal residence?**
  - Albemarle
Citizenship

Primary Citizenship
• United States

Secondary Citizenship
Please select an option

Citizen Status

Primary Language Spoken

What is your primary language?
• English

VISA

In order to register, the University requires that all those who are not U.S. citizens or registered U.S. Permanent Residents obtain and maintain an appropriate visa status for their stay in the United States.

If you are already in the U.S. but are not a U.S. citizen or registered U.S. Permanent Resident, what type of visa/status do you hold?
Please select an option
Biographical Information

Ethnicity

Are you Hispanic / Latino? (That is, a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race)

- Yes
- No

Race (select one or more of the following races)

- African American
- Native American
- Asian American
- Asian/Indian Subcontinent
- Hispanic/Latino
- Mexican American/Chicano
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- Puerto Rican
- White/Caucasian
- Other
- Are you a U.S. Armed Services veteran?
  - Yes
  - No

- Are you a member of ROTC?
  - Yes
  - No

- Are you a first generation college student? A first-generation student is defined as someone whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) have not completed a bachelor’s degree.
  - Yes
  - No

- Do you have a spouse, partner, or family member that is a current applicant, student, or alumni at the University of Virginia?
  - Yes
  - No

- Do you have a spouse, partner, or family member that is a current applicant, student, or alumni of the Batten School?
  - Yes
  - No
SECTION TWO: CONTACT INFORMATION

Mailing Address

Country
- United States of America (US)

Street address line 1
- Fill in your permanent or home address here!

Street address line 2

City
- City

State
- Virginia

Zip
- 22901

Mailing address valid for use until what date? If date is unknown, leave blank.
Month ▼ Day ▼ Year ▼

Permanent Address

Is your permanent address the same as your mailing address? If yes, please choose Home from the list below.
- Home
Contact Info

Telephone

Please include at least one telephone number below to facilitate our communication with you. Use this format for phone w/ area code: (###) ###-####

- Cell Phone
  - (123) 466-7988

Alternate Phone

Work Phone
(123) 466-7988

Email

- YourComputingID@virginia.edu

SAVE AND CONTINUE
SECTION THREE: VISIT TO BATTEN

Select “yes” if you have engaged with our office or attended one of our events, including advising appointments, information sessions, one-on-ones with one of our Ambassadors, or another event. Selecting “no” will not hurt your application.
SECTION FOUR: LANGUAGES SPOKEN

If you do not speak another language, please leave this section blank. No response to this question will not affect your application review.

Languages Spoken

Other than English, please list all the languages you speak and your level of proficiency.
SECTION FIVE: APPLICATION INFORMATION

This information helps us to track our engagement with prospective students. You can fill in up to three people you’ve met with to discuss Batten, including other members of the UVA community, like association deans. Use this spot is to list any honors, awards, need-based financial aid, or merit scholarships you have received. Leaving this blank will not affect your application.
SECTION SIX: WORK EXPERIENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Use this space to provide a high level overview of 3-4 relevant job, volunteer, internship, and/or extracurricular activities you feel best exhibit your practical leadership, engagement in your community, and/or passion for policy or making an impact. If you do not remember exact dates, please provide an estimate, and if it is a current role, leave the end date blank. (Examples: Resident Advisor, UVA Housing and Residence Life, August 15, 2020 - present; Intern, Center for Economic Analysis, June 1, 2019 - August 31, 2019; Food Server, Aramark, August 24, 2019 - May 1, 2020)

Please limit any high school activities to 2 submissions

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ADD WORK EXPERIENCE AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
SECTION SEVEN: RESUME/CV

Be sure to utilize UVA's Career Center to polish up your resume!
This year, the Batten School is not charging an application fee for all applicants. You do not need to do anything in this section except hit “save and continue.”

We know the global pandemic has presented students with a unique set of challenges as they contemplate their future academic path. In this particular moment, ethical, resilient, solutions-oriented policy leaders are needed more than ever. Batten is committed to fostering an intellectual community that is innovative, inclusive, and equitable. In this spirit, the application fee has been waived for all applicants to Batten programs for the 2020-21 academic year.
SECTION NINE: VA STATUS

We do not preference in-state students in the review process. This is an important step if you are admitted into the program to complete to receive in-state tuition in the second year of the program. A second question will appear if you select “yes” to this first question.

If you believe you qualify for in-state Virginian status, you must apply directly with UVA's Provost's Office using the following link: https://vastatus.virginia.edu/applications-forms-domicile-status. Choose Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy under School Forms and follow the submission guidelines on the form. If you have any questions, please direct them to the contact listed on the form. The Provost's Office will be in communication with the Batten School once they have reviewed your residency application.

We recommend prospective students complete this form at the same time as completing the application. If not, the form should be completed no later than April 15th. This will ensure that you will receive in-state tuition privileges if you decide to enroll at the Batten School.

Do you qualify for Virginia In-State tuition?

- Yes
- No

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Do you qualify for Virginia In-State tuition?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

- Have you submitted your VA Residency Application to the Provost office?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
To enter your school name (i.e., University of Virginia), you must start TYPING the name of the institution and it will appear once you begin. Transfer students, please list other institutions attended in addition to the University of Virginia and be sure to include an unofficial transcript from that institution.

(Note: If you have not yet completed your studies, please list anticipated degree earned and degree conferral year.)

- University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA)

- Bachelor of Arts

- 2022

- Aug 2018

- May 2022

- Major (if you are a current student without a major, enter undeclared)

- Second Major

- Cumulative GPA for degree (4.00 maximum)
• GPA for courses in major/concentration. (4.00 maximum; if you are undeclared, list your cumulative GPA)

GPA for 2nd Major

Please specify if your school has a unique grading scale

Please upload your unofficial transcript here for the Admissions Committee to review. Please be sure to verify the document for quality and readability before uploading.

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This field is required.

ADD ACADEMIC HISTORY

Please complete the missing fields.
These questions are aimed to understand if prospective students have experience with technical software. Answering “no” to any or all of these questions will not affect the status of your application.

Experience with statistical software programs is not a prerequisite for the Batten MPP. This information will be used to gain better understanding of proficiency levels for the incoming class.

Rate your level of proficiency with the following:

- Microsoft Excel
  - Please select an option

- R programming
  - Please select an option

- STATA
  - Please select an option

- Python
  - Please select an option

- SAS
  - Please select an option

- SPSS
  - Please select an option

- Tableau
  - Please select an option
SECTION TWELVE: ACCELERATED MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

These questions are aimed to track an applicant’s progress on prerequisites. Students can complete the prerequisites while applying to Batten with no effect on their application status.
Which of the following math courses have you completed?

- **MATH 1210 - Applied Calculus I**
  - Yes
  - No

- **MATH 1190 - A Survey of Calculus I with Algebra**
  - Yes
  - No

- **MATH 1310 - Calculus I**
  - Yes
  - No

- **APMA 1090 - Single variable Calculus I**
  - Yes
  - No
• Have you taken a calculus course not listed above?
  - Yes
  - No

• Are you currently enrolled in a calculus course?
  - Yes
  - No

If you are applying to the Accelerated MPP prior to your 3rd Year, please include a short statement explaining why you are interested in pursuing this program on an expedited timeline.
SECTION THIRTEEN: ESSAYS

Please upload your essays as a .doc or .pdf file!

What is the motivation behind your decision to study policy? What work, activity, or educational experience has best equipped you for graduate studies in leadership and public policy? Please describe how this experience has impacted your personal growth.

Please limit your answer to 500 words and include a word count at the bottom of your essay.

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One of our aims is to enhance students' ability to lead in a diverse and divided world. Tell us about a time you had to work across lines of difference to improve some outcome.

Please limit your answer to 250 words and include a word count at the bottom of your essay.

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Describe a time when you faced a significant failure or setback in something you were trying to accomplish and how you dealt with it.

Please limit your answer to 250 words and include a word count at the bottom of your essay.

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This field is required.
There is no penalty for not submitting an application addendum. However, some applicants may have additional information that would be useful for the admissions committee. Feel free to amplify positive dimensions of your background not covered elsewhere or give insight into seemingly negative information in your application (e.g. course withdrawals, light course loads, gaps in your academic record, etc.). In particular, you should use this space to detail extenuating circumstances relating to the coronavirus pandemic, including things like your decision regarding Spring 2020 grades (CR/NC vs. letter grades), reduced internship or extracurricular opportunities, or personal hardship. Please format your response as a letter to the admissions committee, not to exceed one page.

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SECTION FIFTEEN: RECOMMENDATIONS

Please provide two (2) recommenders for your application. All recommendations must be submitted electronically, so it is essential you provide a valid email address for each reference.

When you fill in your recommender’s email and select “save,” they will be sent a link to submit their letter describing your academic abilities, readiness for graduate study, professional goals, and interest in public policy and leadership. Consider asking for one academic reference at the college level, and the other from an employer, mentor, research supervisor, coach, or other person who knows your work outside of the classroom.

When Batten receives each of your recommendations, you will be notified by email.

- First Name
- Last Name
- Email Address
- Phone
- Personal Note To Recommender
- Title
- Employer
- Relationship to You
SECTION SIXTEEN: DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

Answering “yes” to any of these questions will not automatically discount your application from consideration. You can use the optional application addendum to explain.

- Have you ever been the subject of an academic or non-academic disciplinary action, or been suspended or expelled from school for any disciplinary or honor code infraction?
  - Yes
  - No

- Have you ever been convicted of (or is any charge now pending against you for) any violation of federal, state, local or international law? You do not need to report minor traffic violations that did not result in injury to others. Charges related to reckless driving and driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs are not “minor traffic violations” and must be reported.
  - Yes
  - No
**Honor Code and Application Agreement:** I understand that as a student at the University of Virginia, I will be participating in the Honor System. I agree to support and abide by the Honor System, which prohibits lying, cheating, and stealing. I understand and accept that the Honor System is administered entirely by student representatives, including investigations, adjudications, and appeal review, and that violations may result in permanent expulsion and revocation of any University degree. I understand that I must notify the Office of Admission in writing if either my mailing or my e-mail address should change.

**Click below to read an explanation of the Honor System or a description of the Honor Committee governing documents.**

Link to Honor Code:
http://www.virginia.edu/honor/overview/
Description of Honor Committee governing documents:
http://www.virginia.edu/honor/governing-documents/

- Honor Code Agreement
  - Yes

[Save and Review Application]
Before you get started, visit the Batten School admissions website for instructions on the application process.

**Biographical Information**

- First/Given: Test
- Middle Name: Test
- Last/Family: Test
- Suffix: No Suffix

Preferred Name (if applicable)

- Preferred Name: Noah

Previous Name (if applicable)

You can submit your application once all sections are complete and the submit button is orange!