



Master's of Hospitality Administration Degree
William F. Harrah College of Hospitality
Program Information

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Introduction

The Master of Hospitality Administration (MHA) program is a self-paced, online degree designed for professionals in the hospitality industry. This 30-credit program includes ten courses: six required courses including a culminating class and four electives. Students will choose between a hospitality or gaming track. Each year there are five eight-week sessions with at least four class offerings in each session.

The degree is usually completed in 18 to 24 months. While students can speed up this timeline for some courses you must be 80% complete before taking your culminating class. A student has six years to complete the degree.

As a hospitality professional, you are inevitably busy. To accommodate your needs, registration and other administrative chores have been streamlined. For example, registration and payment for classes are completed online. A program manager is available to answer any questions and handle administrative details.

Faculty

An important component of the program is the faculty. The William F. Harrah College of Hospitality features a faculty with both research and practical experience in all facets of the hospitality industry. Faculty members regularly publish both scholarly and applied research findings and work as consultants to the industry on operational issues and strategies. Faculty members teach classes, serve as advisors, and chair the culminating experience.

Admission Requirements

1. Submission of completed **online application** found in the upper right-hand column of the Graduate College home page (<http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/>). PLEASE NOTE: With the online application, you may upload unofficial copies of your transcripts or TOEFL scores (international students). However, upon acceptance to the program, those items must be received directly from the educational institution(s) or testing center for final admittance. It is not required that unofficial documents or scores be uploaded – official documents must be sent directly to the Graduate College as indicated below.
2. **Transcripts** from all post-secondary institutions attended indicating a **baccalaureate degree** from an accredited college or university with an overall undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.00 scale or at least 3.00 in the last two years of undergraduate work. Official transcripts must be received by the Graduate College sent directly from the institution(s) to the address below.

An **evaluation of all foreign credentials** or those transcripts from educational institutions outside the United States is required. When ordering a foreign credential evaluation, please be sure that the grade point average (GPA) is calculated and included in the evaluation. Foreign credentials must be evaluated on a course-by-course basis by one of the NACES-approved agencies listed below:

- [Josef Silny & Associates](#) (order university course-by-course evaluation, plus GPA)
 - [World Education Services](#) (order course-by-course evaluation report, which includes GPA)
 - [International Education Research Foundation](#) (order Detail Report, which includes GPA)
 - [Educational Credential Evaluators](#) (order course-by-course evaluation report, which includes GPA)
3. A brief **essay of approximately 500 words** outlining your career goals, how the MHA program fits in with your future plans, and how your hospitality employment background has prepared you for graduate study. Please upload this to the online application as first option. If you have an issue for some reason you may email the essay directly to hospitalityadminmha.gradcoord@unlv.edu.
 4. **Résumé.** Note: Three or more years of full-time management experience in the hospitality industry is required. The resume should clearly indicate job titles, places and dates of employment and specific job responsibilities. Please upload this to the online application as first option. If you have an issue for some reason you may email the essay directly to hospitalityadminmha.gradcoord@unlv.edu.

5. **Two letters of recommendation** are required, one from a current or former employer, and one from a college faculty member able to evaluate your success in the program. If you are no longer in touch with faculty members, two letters from employers will suffice.

You will upload contact information for your recommenders, including name, address, phone, and email, as part of your online application. Your contacts will be sent an email with information on how to complete the online recommendation or where to send a mailed submission.

6. **Three or more years of full-time management experience** in the hospitality industry.

7. Payment of **application fee**.

GRE or GMAT not required for this program

Additional Requirement for International Students

Proof of English proficiency: If you did not receive your baccalaureate degree from a school where English was the language of instruction, you must complete one of the language tests listed below with the minimum score indicated or above:

- TOEFL:
 - Paper-based Test – 550 (minimum writing score – 58)
 - Computer-based Test – 213 (minimum writing score – 24)
 - Internet-based Test – 80 (minimum writing score 0 21; minimum speaking score-21)
- Michigan Test: 85% (minimum scores: 40 out of 50 speaking; 40 out of 50 writing)
- IELTS: 7

Important Information for International Students

Because this program is offered totally online and can be accessed anywhere in the world, UNLV cannot issue an I-20 and you cannot obtain a student visa to come to the United States based upon enrollment in the Master's of Hospitality Administration Program.

Application Deadlines

Fall, July 1

Spring, November 15

Summer, April 1

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Degree Requirements

Students must successfully complete 10 three-credit 600-level or above courses with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or "B" in the Master's of Hospitality Administration program in the William F. Harrah College of Hospitality. In addition, the candidate must meet the general requirements of the Graduate College.

Required courses are offered twice each year in a rotation per the 5 8-week sessions. The only exception is the culminating experience class that is offered in the Fall and Spring for 16 weeks that coincide with the on-campus schedule.

The four elective courses may be chosen from a range of offerings related to the hospitality industry and pertinent to you selected track. Electives rotate approximately every 18 months and are schedules based on demand so please make sure your advisor know your preferences.