Future Master of Athletic Training Students

My university moved all 2020 spring and/or summer courses online. What does that mean for my application to the University of Utah Master of Athletic Training?

The University of Utah Master of Athletic Training understands the need for social distancing during this unique time of COVID-19. We still require students to complete all required prerequisite courses and will accept these grades. Some Master of Athletic Training prerequisite courses requires a laboratory (Chemistry, Physics, and Anatomy). We understand universities may have different policies and educational content related to hands-on laboratories during this time. Please document these deviations from normal laboratory learning. We will ask you to include these deviations as part of your application. We will work on departures to normal laboratory learning on a case-by-case basis. We will ensure these deviations will not influence admissions decisions but will be data points for us to alter the Master of Athletic Training curriculum for you to learn the required athletic training education standards appropriately.

My university offered or required binary grading (e.g., pass/fail, satisfactory/unsatisfactory, credit/no credit). Will binary grading affect my Master of Athletic Training prerequisite coursework?

No. If you receive a grade, we still expect a prerequisite grade of C or better. If a binary grade is given, we will accept a pass/satisfactory/credit grade. This usually indicates a student has achieved a C- or better.

Please be aware of how binary grades affect your GPA. We still require a 3.0 or better cumulative GPA for admission to the Master of Athletic Training. Binary grades often are not calculated into your GPA.

Does the University of Utah Master of Athletic Training program still expect 50 observation hours as part of the application?

Yes, 50 hours is still the minimum number of prerequisite observation hours for the Master of Athletic Training. However, for the 2021 application cycle, we are willing to adjust the number of observation hours due at the time of application to 30 hours. You may complete 20 observation hours between the time you submit your application and before the start of classes in the Master of Athletic Training. We still expect a minimum of 50 observation hours before the start of Master of Athletic Training classes.

Many of our applicants will have more than 50 observations hours, but this is the minimum. It is still best to start on your observation hours early and truly learn what the expectations for the athletic training profession are. In the application cycle 2022, we will return to having a minimum of 50 observation hours done by the time the application is due.
What is the timeline for the 2021 Application Cycle

The application deadlines for the 2021 application cycles are as followed:

- **Priority admissions: January 15, 2021**

Interviews will occur on-campus January 20, 2020, for all applicants that submit their application before the priority deadline. Admissions decisions for these applicants will occur before February 5, 2020.

- **Late admissions: March 5, 2021**

We will review applications accepted after the priority admissions process on a rolling basis. Once all cohort spots are filled, applicants during the late admission period may be placed on the program’s waitlist. Late admissions applicants may be subject to a $30 extra Graduate School application fee.

Please review the Master of Athletic Training website for all other admissions questions and processes.