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University of Utah
Master of Athletic Training

Coronavirus Updates and FAQs

*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 to take precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic. We still require students to complete all required prerequisite courses. We will accept in-person, hybrid, or online courses for all prerequisites. Some Master of Athletic Training prerequisite courses requires a laboratory (Chemistry, Physics, and Anatomy). We prefer all laboratories to be in person, but will accept virtual laboratories. Please be aware that those that take virtual anatomy laboratories will often need extra preparation to be successful in many classes.

Please document these deviations from normal laboratory learning in case you are asked for verification to meet the Master of Athletic Training prerequisite classes.

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?

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, observation hours have become problematic in some locations due to the cancelation of sports or personnel restrictions to limit potential spread. The Master of Athletic Training program still values observation hours. We hope applicants gain an understanding of their future career and its unique characteristics during observation hours. We want to make sure applicants understand the type of care provided by an athletic trainer, the time commitment and hours for this work, and the unique athletic training settings. We would still prefer that applicants complete 50 hours before their application. 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 will then need to complete 20 observation hours between the time you submit your application and before starting classes in the Master of Athletic Training. If it is impossible to complete the minimum observation hours requirement, please contact Justin Rigby, MAT Program Director, for a waiver. Applicants will be provided an alternative assignment and submitted in place of the observation hour log in ATCAS.

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.