

M.P.P. MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

Overview

The Master of Public Policy (MPP) is a graduate professional degree proposed by the Department of Political Science in the College of Arts & Sciences.

In contrast to the existing Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree, the MPP degree has a deeper focus on the development and effects of public policy, the use of quantitative analysis, the role of economic factors in public-decision making, resource allocation, and decision modeling. Building on the successful curriculum of the online and on campus MPA program, adding the MPP degree to the Department of Political Science's catalog continues to propel us into the ranks of preeminence among peer institutions that also offer both MPA and MPP degrees. Success of the MPP program requires collaboration between the Department of Political Science, other disciplines with a stake in public policy, and the College of Arts and Sciences to ensure that current resources are used effectively, existing strengths of the university and its faculty are built upon, and faculty are strategically added to develop a MPP program fitting for a hemispheric university.

Admission Requirements

In cooperation with the College of Arts and Science, the Department of Political Science, the Graduate Program will review applicant files and make admissions decisions.

Requirements for Admission Include:

- Completion of an application
- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0. (In order to limit class size for maximum teacher-student exchange, the MPP program will give preference to students with above average GRE scores, excellent letters of recommendation, and superior writing skills).
- GRE minimum combined score (verbal and quantitative) set by the Graduate School. The Graduate School has occasionally provided waivers for exceptional cases.
- Two letters of recommendation

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Core Courses		
POL 601	Budget and Financial Management and Administration	3
POL 610	Statistics for Politics and Public Administration	3
POL 625	Comparative Public Policy and Administration	3
POL 634	Applied Policy Analysis	3
POL 637	Microeconomics for Public Policy	3
POL 646	Public Policy Process and Implementation	3
Macroeconomics for Public Policy (New Course TBD)		3
Introduction to Research Design, Data Collection & Survey Research (New Course TBD)		3
Specialization Track		15
Students must complete one of the tracks below.		
Public Management and Leadership Track		
Complete 15 credits from these options:		
COS 630	Conflict Management	
POL 606	Organizational Dynamics and Management	
POL 624	Non-Profit Organizations: Law, Policy, and Management	
POL 647	Human Resource Management in Public Service	
POL 651	Productivity in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors	
POL 657	Ethical and Managerial Issues in Government, Business and Non-Profit Organization.	
POL 658	From Electronic Government to Digital Governance	
POL 659	International Organizations	
STC 623	Crisis Communication and Management	
STC 620	Public Relations Fundamentals	

Analytics Track	
Complete 15 credits from these options:	
GEG 691	Geographic Information Systems I
GEG 693	Geographic Information Systems II
POL 616	Experiments in Political Science
POL 617	Introductory Statistical Methods in Political Science
POL 618	Advanced Statistical Methods in Political Science
POL 619	Introduction to Game Theory for Political Science (Cost Benefit Analysis and Public Policy)
SOC 613	Qualitative Research Methods
Cost-Benefit Analysis and Public Policy (New Course TBD)	
Foreign Policy and Security Track	
Complete 15 credits from these options:	
POL 611	Security in the Arabian Peninsula
POL 630	Intelligence and National Security
POL 644	Chinese Foreign Policy
POL 677	Security in South Asia
POL 691	International Security
POL 693	International Relations of the Middle East
POL 694	European Security
IGS 645	Human Security: Prevention Mitigation
IGS 646	Civil Security Preparedness and Management
Global Trade (New Course TBD)	
Health and Social Policy Track	
Complete 15 credits from these options:	
ACC 670	Financial Reporting and Analysis
HMP 601	Essentials of Health Care Administration
HMP 655	Public Policy and Health
HMP 684	Analysis of Health Care Delivery and Policy
INS 672	Global Health Policy and Ethics
POL 605	Sex, Babies, and the State
POL 636	U.S. Health Care Crisis: Politics and Policies
POL 655	Public Policy and Health
POL 669	LGBTI Politics
POL 682	International Development Policy
Environmental and Sustainability Track	
Complete 15 credits from these options:	
IGS 644	Energy Security and Environmental Sustainability
EVR 616	Ocean Policy
EVR 620	Environmental Law and Policy
EVR 720	Coastal Law and Policy
POL 631	Global Environment Politics
POL 645	Environmental Policy Making
POL 653	The Environmental Movement: Groups, Beliefs and Values
RSM 620	Climate and Society
Individualized Track	
Complete 15 credit hours with approval of faculty advisor.	
Approved Electives	
POL 656	Public Service Internship (or Applied Project)
Additional electives with approval of faculty advisor	
Total Credit Hours	48

- 36 to 48 hours at the graduate level, depending on public policy experience and academic preparation

** Completion of core and specialization track course requirements as specified by the POL Department in consultation with student's career goals and interests

*** All other requirements as stated in sections Requirements for the Master of Arts degree and General Information.

Sample Plan of Study

Year One		Credit Hours
Fall		
POL 601	Budget and Financial Management and Administration	3
POL 610	Statistics for Politics and Public Administration	3
POL 634	Applied Policy Analysis	3
POL 637	Microeconomics for Public Policy	3
Credit Hours		12
Spring		
POL 625	Comparative Public Policy and Administration	3
POL 646	Public Policy Process and Implementation	3
Specialization Track Course		3
Specialization Track Course		3
Credit Hours		12
Summer		
Approved Elective		3
Credit Hours		3
Year Two		
Fall		
Specialization Track Course		3
Specialization Track Course		3
Approved Elective		3
Introduction to Research Design, Data Collection & Survey Research (New Course TBD)		3
Credit Hours		12
Spring		
POL 656	Public Service Internship	3
Macroeconomics for Public Policy (New Course TBD)		3
Specialization Track Course		3
Credit Hours		9
Total Credit Hours		48

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Mission

The Masters of Public Policy (MPP) is a professional degree that provides students with core skills in economics, policy analysis and ethics. The program seeks to build professional competencies in research, analysis and evaluation of various public issues (e.g., social, global, economic, health) to enable formulation of effective policy solutions. The focus is on the development and use of quantitative analysis skills to assess public policy alternatives, while also developing and enhancing proficiency in management and the implementation process.

Goals

The MPP degree stresses the research, analysis and evaluation of various public issues (e.g., social, global, economic, health) to develop effective policy solutions. In general, MPP programs give great attention to policy formulation, analysis and evaluation.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students should be able to demonstrate critical thinking and writing skills related to public policy, politics, ethics and economic analysis by the time they graduate
- Students will demonstrate quantitative analysis and oral communication skills
- Students will demonstrate analytical competencies through an internship or applied capstone project