



Twin Cities Campus

Public Policy M.P.P.

HHH Administration

Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2016
- Length of program in credits: 45
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Public Policy

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The master of public policy (MPP) curriculum is built upon a core of required theoretical and methodological courses. In remaining courses, students choose either to emphasize more advanced study of analysis or management, or to focus on a particular substantive area of public policy. Structured concentrations include advanced policy analysis methods; economic and community development; gender and public policy; global public policy; human rights; politics and governance; public and nonprofit leadership and management; science, technology, and environmental policy; and social policy. Students have multiple opportunities to apply the concepts learned in their coursework to real-life policy problems, including cases presented in courses, their internships, and workshops. Dual degrees include MPP/master of business administration; MPP/juris doctor; MPP/master of public health; and MPP/master of social work.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

A four-year bachelor's degree from an accredited US university or foreign equivalent at time of enrollment.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:

While no specific experience or academic pathway is required, students with a strong liberal education background and sound quantitative and analytical skills will be best prepared for academic success at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Previous coursework in mathematics, statistics, and economics is recommended. Past applicants needing to strengthen this part of their skill set have found courses in introductory microeconomics, college algebra, and introductory statistics to be helpful preparation.

Special Application Requirements:

A complete application will include a University of Minnesota application, personal statement, resume or C.V., transcripts, GRE scores, TOEFL scores (if applicable), at least three letters of recommendation, and an optional diversity statement.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:

- GRE

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
 - Internet Based - Total Score: 100
 - Paper Based - Total Score: 600
- IELTS
 - Total Score: 7

Key to [test abbreviations](#)(GRE, TOEFL, IELTS).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.



Program Requirements

Plan C: Plan C requires 45 major credits and 0 credits outside the major. There is no final exam.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

A minimum GPA of 2.80 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 1 semester must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

Core

- PA 5011 - Dynamics of Public Affairs Organizations (3.0 cr)
- PA 5012 - The Politics of Public Affairs (3.0 cr)
- PA 5021 - Microeconomics for Policy Analysis (3.0 cr)
- PA 5031 - Statistics for Public Affairs (4.0 cr)
- PA 5002 - Introduction to Policy Analysis (1.5 cr)
- PA 5003 - Introduction to Financial Analysis and Management (1.5 cr)

Economics

Take 3 or more credit(s) from the following:

- PA 5022 - Applications of Economics for Policy Analysis (1.5 - 3.0 cr)
- PA 5431 - Public Policies on Work and Pay (3.0 cr)
- PA 5503 - Economics of Development (3.0 cr)
- PA 5521 - Development Planning and Policy Analysis (4.0 cr)
- PA 5805 - Global Economics (3.0 cr)

Methods

- PA 5032 - Applied Regression (2.0 cr)
or PA 5044 - Applied Regression, Accelerated (2.0 cr)
- PA 5033 - Multivariate Techniques (2.0 cr)
or PA 5041 - Qualitative Methods for Policy Analysts (4.0 cr)

Concentration: 9-12 credits

Global policy concentration requires 12 credits. All other concentrations require 9 credits.

Professional Paper

Professional paper through a capstone workshop, working group, or master's: professional paper (individual option).

- PA 8081 - Capstone Workshop (3.0 cr)
- or PA 8082 - Professional Paper-Writing Seminar (3.0 cr)
- or PA 8921 - Master's: Professional Paper (Individual Option) (1.0 - 3.0 cr)

Electives

Electives to bring total credits to 45.

Joint- or Dual-degree Coursework: This program offers options for four dual degrees. Each dual degree option within the MPP allows for a different number of credits in common between the two programs: MPP/MBA: 24 credits in common allowed; MPP/JD: 29 credits in common allowed; MPP/MPH - Public Health Practice: 26 credits in common allowed; MPP/MSW: 21 credits in common allowed for full program, 15 for advanced standing, 11 for direct practice. In addition, an accelerated bachelor's/master's (BA/MPP in Political Engagement) is available to University of Minnesota Political Science undergraduate students.

Program Sub-plans

A sub-plan is not required for this program.

Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

Political Engagement

This sub-plan is limited to students completing the program under Plan C.

The College of Liberal Arts and the Humphrey School of Public Affairs offer an early-admission opportunity for eligible University of Minnesota Political Science BA students also interested in completing the master's in public policy (MPP). The MPP's political



engagement sub-plan enables political science majors to take 13 MPP credits during their senior (fourth) year, and to complete the MPP after a fifth year of full-time graduate study plus one summer.

Interested political science undergraduates should contact the Department of Political Science advisor for more information. The MPP/political engagement sub-plan application deadline is December 15 of the student's junior year, and admission to the MPP/political engagement sub-plan is contingent on a formal admissions process.

Students admitted to the MPP/political engagement sub-plan must maintain timely degree progress to ensure all undergraduate degree requirements are completed by the end of their fourth year.

The MPP's political engagement sub-plan is open to political science undergraduates only. Double majors may apply, but only if they choose to complete the senior project requirement in political science.

In addition to master's of public policy degree requirements*, students in the political engagement sub-plan will take:

Political Engagement (POL 5005, 4 credits)

Methods: at least 3 credits beyond PA 5031: Empirical Analysis; chosen from a slate of PA and POL methods courses.

Electives: 15 credits relevant to Political Engagement sub-plan. May be chosen from PA or POL. At least 8 credits must be 8xxx POL.

Satisfies MPP concentration requirement.

Outside electives: 3 credits from outside POL or PA. Number of outside electives may be increased or reduced, in consultation with director of graduate studies.

Research for Mentorship Placement: 1 credit directed reading with advisor

Mentorship placement: PA 8991 (3 credits)

Professional paper: PA 8081, PA 8082, or PA 8921 (3 credits)

(*Political Engagement students are not required to take PA 5012 and PA 5022. They are required to take only 3 credits of methods courses beyond PA 5031.)