

PUBLIC POLICY, MPP

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Academic Advising

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The master of public policy leads to a degree for aspiring or experienced professionals who seek career advancement through cutting-edge education and training in policy analysis and development in increasingly technical and global environments. The program prepares students to be reflective practitioners who develop, implement, manage, analyze, evaluate, and effect innovative change in the public and private sectors through a course of study that emphasizes the fundamentals of policy development; the role of technology, analytic assessment, and modeling for policy evaluation; and the implications of international and global perspectives on policy formation. Courses are offered primarily in late afternoon and evening to fit the schedules of busy professionals.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Requirements

See Graduate Admission Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>) for general information on graduate admission to George Mason University. Specific information on application requirements and deadlines may be found with Schar Admissions (<http://schar.gmu.edu/admissions/>). Completed applications for fall and spring semesters are reviewed on a rolling basis, with late applications considered on a space-available basis. Students may be admitted for nondegree study and apply a limited number of credits toward the master's degree should they choose to apply to the degree program later, in accordance with university policy.

Policies

Termination from Program

Students admitted to a Schar program will be terminated from Schar upon receiving one grade of F and are no longer eligible to take courses in Schar. Per university regulation, students are terminated from the university after accumulating grades of F in two courses or 9 credits of unsatisfactory grades in graduate courses. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

Program Requirements

Students must complete 36 to 39 credits of coursework through a combination of core courses, electives, and a professional experience requirement. Appropriate professional experience can be demonstrated through previous employment or a supervised internship. Students will also be exposed to the global nature of public policy activity through the core requirement of international comparative policy assessment.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: 36-39

Required Public Policy Courses

Code	Title	Credits
PUBP 500	Theory and Practice in Public Policy	3
PUBP 503	Culture, Organization, and Technology (3 credits)	3
ITRN 503	Macroeconomic Policy in the Global Economy (3 credits)	3
POGO 511	Introductory Data Analysis for Policy and Government	3
PUBP 720	Managerial Economics and Policy Analysis	3
PUBP 741	U.S. Financial Policy Processes and Procedures	3
Select one from the following, or approved substitution:		3
POGO 611	Advanced Data Analysis for Policy and Government	
POGO 646	Policy and Program Evaluation	
PUBP 754	Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Analysis for Public Policy	

Total Credits 21

Electives

Electives are chosen from one of the following policy emphasis areas. One of the courses in the emphasis sequence should have an international focus.

- Education Policy
- Global Medical and Health Policy
- International Governance and Institutions
- National Security and Public Policy
- Public Finance and Budgeting
- Regional Economic Development
- Science and Technology Policy
- Social Policy
- Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption
- Transportation Policy
- Urban Policy and Development
- US Government Institutions and Policy Management

Code	Title	Credits
Select 15 credits from the following in consultation with the student's advisor. ¹		15
PUBP 504	Grand Strategy	
PUBP 506	Ethics and the Use of Force	
PUBP 650	International Conflict and Crisis Response	
PUBP 651	Peace and Stabilization Operations	
PUBP 710	Topics in Public Policy	

PUBP 721	Transportation Economics
PUBP 723	Metropolitan Transportation Policy
PUBP 726	Telecommunications Policy
PUBP 730	US Institutions and the Policy Process
PUBP 733	Urban Politics and Policy
PUBP 737	Cases and Concepts in E-Government
PUBP 739	Media and Public Policy
PUBP 742	Transportation Safety and Security
PUBP 743	National Security Management and Policy
PUBP 747	Air Transportation Policy, Operations and Logistics
PUBP 748	Public Transportation Policy, Operations and Logistics
PUBP 750	History of Military Operations Other than War
PUBP 751	International Police Operations
PUBP 753	Ethics in Public Policy
PUBP 754	Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Analysis for Public Policy
PUBP 755	National Security Decision-Making Policy
PUBP 757	Public Policy in Global Health and Medical Practice
PUBP 758	Global Threats and Medical Policies
PUBP 759	National Security Law and Public Policy
PUBP 760	Science and Technology Policy in the 21st Century
PUBP 762	Social Institutions and Public Policy
PUBP 763	Illicit Trade
PUBP 764	Transnational Crime and Corruption
PUBP 765	Human Smuggling and Trafficking
PUBP 766	Modern Counterinsurgency: Theory and Practice
PUBP 768	Education and Public Policy (Topic Varies)
PUBP 769	Political Violence and Terrorism
PUBP 777	Critical Infrastructure Protection: Policy and Practice
PUBP 783	Global Governance
PUAD 729	Issues in Public Management
POGO 796	Directed Readings and Research
POGO 550	Topics in Policy and Government
POGO 750	Topics in Policy and Government
PUAD 738	Issues in International Security
PUAD 739	Issues in International Management
PUAD 749	Issues in Public Policy
PUAD 759	Issues in Local Government Administration
PUAD 769	Issues in Public Financial Management
ITRN 602	Global Financial Crises and Institutions
ITRN 603	Global Trade Relations
ITRN 701	Special Topics in International Commerce and Policy
ITRN 702	Special Topics in International Commerce and Policy: Study Abroad

ITRN 710	International Business Transactions: Finance and Investment
ITRN 712	World Trade Organization and Global Trade
ITRN 718	
ITRN 740	Trade and Regulatory Compliance
ITRN 752	
ITRN 761	European Political and Economic Union
ITRN 767	Political Economy and Integration in Latin America
ITRN 772	International Telecommunications
CONF 501	Introduction to Conflict Analysis and Resolution
HAP 609	Comparative International Health Systems
HAP 678	Introduction to the U.S. Health System
HAP 706	Integrated Health Systems Management
Total Credits	15

¹ Other courses must be approved by the advisor or program director.

Professional Experience Requirement

Certification that the student has experience in the public policy process outside the classroom and is ready to take leadership responsibilities must be exhibited by one of two ways: relevant professional experience, approved by the program director, or an approved internship.

Code	Title	Credits
Up to three credits of		0-3
POGO 794	Internship	
Total Credits		0-3

Accelerated Master's

Bachelor's Degree (any)/Public Policy, Accelerated MPP

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in any major may apply to the accelerated Master of Public Policy (MPP) program. If accepted students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their chosen major and the Master of Public Policy with a reduced number of overall credits and within a reduced time frame, sometimes within five years. More information on bachelor's/accelerated master's programs may be found in AP6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>).

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. See AP6.9 Requirements for Master's Degrees. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-9>)

Admission

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website (<http://schar.gmu.edu/programs/undergraduate-degrees/accelerated-masters-programs/>).

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 75 credits, including 12 credits of Government and/or Economics courses, and have a minimum GPA of 3.50 in all coursework applied to the degree.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete two graduate courses (six credits) that may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. In addition, students may take another two courses (six credits) from the following list to be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.00 in each course. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in these courses and in coursework applied to their major.

Code	Title	Credits
PUBP 500	Theory and Practice in Public Policy	3
PUBP 503	Culture, Organization, and Technology	3
ITRN 503	Macroeconomic Policy in the Global Economy	3
POGO 511	Introductory Data Analysis for Policy and Government	3

Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, students must submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form to apply credits to the master's degree. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree (excluding summer).