The master's program in 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 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.

#### 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**

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Select one from the following, or approved substitution: 3

- PUBP 705 Advanced Statistical Methods in Policy Analysis
- PUBP 713 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.

- 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

Select 15 credits from the following in consultation with the student's advisor: 15

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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
PUBP 796  Directed Readings and Research
PUAD 729  Issues in Public Management
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  Global Economic and Human Development
ITRN 740  Trade and Regulatory Compliance
ITRN 752  Global Business and Policy
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.

Up to three credits of

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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 AP.6.7 Bachelor’s/Accelerated Master’s Degrees.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master’s degree. See AP.6.9 Requirements for Master’s Degrees.

Admission
Please see the Graduate Admission Policies section in this catalog for general information on graduate admission to George Mason University. Information specific to the accelerated Master of Public Policy program may be found on the Schar 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.

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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).