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Welcome to the Masters program in Public Policy (MPP) in the School of Economic, Political, and Political Sciences at the University of Texas at Dallas. The MPP is an interdisciplinary graduate degree designed to develop critical skill sets for a career in which a solid understanding of the public policy process and the analysis and evaluation of public policies are essential. What makes a professional career in public policy unique is the emphasis on tackling "wicked problems" — the challenging issues that define the public agenda and require talented individuals to devote their energy to finding solutions. The MPP degree offers you an education to succeed in this dynamic, global workforce. Our interdisciplinary degree will teach you economic and statistical analyses as well as communication skills that will help you succeed.

Students will be prepared for analytical and administrative positions and responsibilities in a wide array of professional settings in the public, non-profit, and private sectors.

Qualified students are encouraged to consider the Ph.D. in Public Policy and Political Economy (PPPE). Such students should meet with Director of Graduate Studies of PPPE as soon as possible to discuss options for further study.

Helpful Hints & Advising Protocol
Before the start of each semester, the EPPS Masters Advisor will email students with suggested classes for the core, concentration and elective classes to help students pick their classes. Students may petition to have other classes count in the concentration. Students are also strongly encouraged to consult the degree plan when choosing their classes to maximize efficiency and to promote rapid progress through the program.

Degree Requirements
Students seeking a Master of Public Policy must complete at least 36 semester credit hours of work in the program. The program has three components:

1. Twenty-one semester hours of required coursework
2. Nine semester hours of prescribed electives
3. Six hours of free electives.

Students must maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average to graduate.

Required Core Courses
1. Policymaking and Institutions (Six hours)

PPPE 6347 Proseminar in Political Institutions & American Politics
PPPE 6329 Ethics, Culture, and Public Responsibility

   Methods Core (chose either the Algebra or Calculus based sequence)
   Algebra-based series
     EPPS 6313 Introduction to Quantitative Methods
     EPPS 6316 Applied Regression
   
   Calculus based series
     EPPS 7313 Descriptive and Inferential Statistics
     EPPS 7316 Regression and Multivariate Analysis
   
   Additionally select one of the following:
     EPPS 6352 Evaluation Research Methods in the Economic, Political and Policy Sciences
     PPPE 6310 Research Design I

3. Economics (3 hours) Choose one of the following:
   PPPE 6321 Economics for Public Policy
   PPPE 6365 Innovation Economy

4. A PPPE Policy Research Workshop or another course, internship or elective approved as a substitution as approved by the EPPS advisor (Three hours)

Concentration (9 hrs)

Students complete three classes in ONE area of concentration. All courses must be approved by the EPPS Masters Advisor.

   A. Social & Health Policy
   B. Security Studies
   C. GIS
   D. Analytic Methods
   E. Other concentration proposed by the student and approved by the Director of Graduate Studies or Program Head

Electives (6 hrs)

Students may select an additional two 6000 level or higher courses. Students may choose courses that are not selected under “Core Courses” to fulfill this requirement and may choose courses outside the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences.
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### Sample Concentration Classes

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<td>PPPE 6361 Political Violence and Terrorism</td>
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<td>PA 6334 GIS/Policy</td>
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<td>PPPE 7V64 Policy Research Workshop in Poverty Research and Policy</td>
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Quantitative Methods

EPPS 6324 Data Management for Social Science Research
EPPS 7318 Structural Equation and Multilevel (Hierarchical) Modeling
EPPS 7344 Categorical and Limited Dependent Variables
EPPS 7386 Survey Research*

Geographic Information Systems

GISC 6381 Geographic Information Systems Fundamentals*
GISC 6384 Advanced Geographic Information Systems
GISC 5322 GPS (Global Positioning System) Satellite Surveying Techniques
GISC 5324 3D Data Capture and Ground Lidar

EPPS 6346 Qualitative Research Methods*
EPPS 6352 Evaluation Research Methods in the Economic, Political and Policy Sciences*
EPPS 7359 Special Topics in Policy Methods

GISC 6301 GIS Data Analysis Fundamentals
GISC 6317 GIS Programming Fundamentals

EPPS 7368 Spatial Epidemiology
EPPS 7370 Time Series Analysis
EPPS 7380 Applied Multivariate Analysis
EPPS 7304 Cost-Benefit Analysis*
PA 6326 Decision Tools for Managers*

PSCI 7372 Game Theory for Political Scientists*

EPPS 7390 Bayesian Analysis for the Social and Behavioral Science

Others in GISC may be approved with permission

*classes appropriate for student who taken the algebra based sequence

General Caveats for Concentration Classes

- Other classes may be approved by EPPS Masters Advisor
- Special topics classes may be repeated as topics change
- PPPE 8V97 Internship may be substituted, if approved by EPPS Masters Advisor for concentration classes, up to 6 credits.

Related Graduate Certificate Programs

Students are also encouraged to consider completing one of the following graduate certificate programs (Certificate in Program Evaluation, Homeland Security, Economic and Demographic Data Analysis, Evaluation Research, or Nonprofit Management). With judicious course selections, most can be completed concurrently within the MPP program. Certificate
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requirements are available in the most recent graduate catalog online.

**MPP Degree Plan**

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**Concentration (9 hours)**

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**2 free electives (6 credit hours total)**

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*Students should take the methods sequence back to back in order to maximize success.*
Transfer Credit
Students who have taken graduate courses in another program may transfer these courses after they have attained nine credit hours in the program. Courses which received a grade of "B" or better may be transferred. Also, students may transfer up to 25% of the required hours for a masters degree from another university. This may consist of up to 9 semester hours.

All students who are interested in transferring courses must meet with the EPPS Masters Advisor and they must complete a “Request for Transfer Credit” form. The form is available in the Graduate Program Office. The completed form, transcript, and syllabus are forwarded for the approval of the Dean of Graduate Studies. If approved, then the courses appear as transfer credits on the student's record.

Registration
Once admitted, students will be primarily advised by the EPPS Masters Advisor, Nora Hernandez (GR 2.701) 972-883-4524 nora.hernandez@utdallas.edu. The standard (and minimum) course load for a full-time graduate student during the Fall or Spring semester is 9 hours. The maximum is 15 hours, although it is rare for students to be able to successfully manage this workload. Students who have work, family, or other nonacademic obligations should consult with the EPPS Masters advisor on strategies for fulfilling program requirements.

Courses in the MPP program are currently listed with the course prefix PPPE or EPPS in the university’s course schedule (available on-line in Course Lookup). The EPPS Advisor will also email the MPP listserve with suggested courses that would fulfill core and concentration requirements prior to registration each semester.

Students are expected to maintain continuous registration (excluding Summer) of at least three semester credit hours in the program. Such registration includes, but is not limited to, the semester of graduation. A student who does not maintain registration and has not requested and received permission for a leave of absence, must apply for readmission. All requests for leave of absence must be sent to the PPPE Program Head, who will forward the request to the Dean of Graduate Studies. The student is subject to the Graduate Catalog in effect at the time of readmission. Since the Catalog is revised biennially, students taking leaves may be required to satisfy different degree requirements than were in effect prior to their leave. And thus may need additional time to complete the program.
MPP Advising Protocol

All Students are required to contact the EPPS Masters Advisor before enrolling in classes for the first time. They will be given advice for the first year of courses. Afterwards, students can register online for classes through Orion (http://www.utdallas.edu/orion/). Most advising can be handled via e-mail correspondence.

Future advising and registration

- The EPPS Masters Advisor will circulate list of courses and identify where they fit in the degree plan to facilitate registration and planning.
- At the end of each semester and as you register for the next, enter all the relevant courses you have taken, including semester completed and grade received, on the excel spreadsheet degree plan. This information is available from your transcripts, which can be accessed from Orion. Students are to choose their courses, update their degree plan, and send the degree plan to the EPPS Masters Advisor for approval.
- Simple clarifications can be handled via email with a completed degree plan. However you will need an updated degree plan on file with the EPPS Masters Advisor at least once a year (by 8/1) or you will have an advising hold placed on your account
- Please email us with questions or concerns.
- Please note that all email correspondence must be via your official UTD email.

What we expect from students

- Responsible for degree plan, which is the basis for advising
- Send email from your UTD email
- Familiarity with academic calendar and academic catalog; deadlines, requirements

What to expect from the EPPS Masters Advisor

- Review the updated degree plan
- Answer any questions/concerns raised

Periodically, the Program Head and Director of Graduate Studies will provide more in-depth information and announcements of opportunities. These meetings and other opportunities will be announced via email, through the MPP student list. Therefore, it is important that you check your UTD email.