

School of Economic Political and Policy Sciences

Master of Public Policy



Curriculum

The MPP offers students an interdisciplinary graduate education designed to develop skills for careers in which a solid understanding of the public policy process and the analysis and evaluation of public policies are essential. Students will be prepared for analytical and administrative positions and responsibilities in a wide array of professional settings in the public, nonprofit and private sectors as well as advanced study for careers in research.



Students gain an essential foundation in applied economic and statistical analysis, which will help them address important public policy questions. The program also focuses on ethics and effective communication.

Career Options

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 call for talented individuals to devote their efforts to finding solutions.

A career in public policy once meant government employment, but given the connections between governments, nonprofits, NGOs, the private sector and universities, public policy graduates employed in any of these organizations can have highly productive careers that contribute directly to the public good.

Degree Program

Students must complete 36 credit hours to earn a Master of Science in Public Policy. This includes:

- 21 semester credit hours of required core.
- 9 semester credit hours of prescribed electives in one of the following areas:
 - Social & Health Policy
 - Security Studies
 - Analytic Methods
 - Geographic Information Systems
 - Program Evaluation
- 6 semester credit hours of other electives

All students must achieve at least a 3.0 grade point average in all coursework to graduate.

For complete admission and degree requirements, view the Graduate Catalog at catalog.utdallas.edu.

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