**MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC POLICY WITH A CONCENTRATION IN PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIAL POLICY**

The interdisciplinary program in public policy with a concentration in philosophy and social policy brings the normative, historical, and analytical-logical skills of philosophical inquiry to bear upon contemporary problems of social policy. The program is affiliated with the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration (https://tspppa.gwu.edu).

Specific admission requirements are shown on the Graduate Program Finder. (http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs)

Visit the program website (https://philosophy.columbian.gwu.edu/ma-philosophy-and-social-policy) for additional information.

**REQUIREMENTS**

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The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext).

Two options are available at the discretion of the faculty. Thesis option—30 credits, including 24 credits in required courses and 6 credits in thesis; non-thesis option—36 credits, including 24 credits in required courses and 12 credits in elective courses.

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One course from each of the following groups:

Group A

- PPPA 6010: Politics and The Policy Process
- PSC 8212: Urban Policy Problems

Group B

- ECON 6217: Survey of Economics I
- ECON 6237: Economics of the Environment and Natural Resources
- ECON 6248: Health Economics

Group C

- PSC 6103: Approaches to Public Policy Analysis
- PPPA 6006: Policy Analysis
- SOC 6248: Race and Urban Redevelopment
- WSTU 6240: Women and Public Policy
- WSTU 6265: Women, Welfare, and Poverty
- HIST 6011: Reading and Research in History and Public Policy

Group D

- PPPA 6002: Research Methods and Applied Statistics (or substitute as approved by the advisor)

For thesis option:

- PHIL 6998: Thesis Research
- PHIL 6999: Thesis Research

**Electives**

Electives may focus on a particular policy area (e.g., biomedical/health care, urban/welfare, or environmental policy), or may explore varied approaches and policy issues.

**Other requirements**

Successful completion of a master’s comprehensive examination.