MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

GW's master of public policy (MPP) program, offered through its Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, prepares students to dig deep into the data and the details even as they explore the theories and the why behind the public policy that shapes government.

The curriculum balances coverage of public policy theory and practice with contemporary policy issues. Students complete a common core and select elective coursework in a field of study tailored to their unique interests and career objectives. Potential fields include budget and public finance; education policy; environmental policy; health policy; national security policy; philosophy and social policy; program and policy evaluation; public-private policy and management; science and technology policy; social policy; urban policy; and international development management. Students can also design their own field of concentration.

Classes for the MPP are held on the University's main Foggy Bottom campus. Many classes are in the evenings, enabling full-time and part-time students to pursue their degree while working. Full-time students typically complete the 40-credit program in two years, including one summer. Part-time students complete the program in three to four years.

Visit the program website (https://tspppa.gwu.edu/master-public-policy/) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines:	Fall - February 1: Priority consideration for admission and funding; April 1: Guaranteed review for admission and consideration for funding, if available. (Applications for admission will continue to be accepted after April 1, when space remains available in the program.)
	Spring - October 1 Late applications accepted on a case by case basis for students who do not require an F-1 or J-1 visa through November 1.
Standardized test scores:	The GRE general or GMAT is not required however if you feel as though submitting scores for the GRE or GMAT will strengthen your application, you are welcome to submit them
	The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the PTE Academic is required of all applicants except those who hold a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree from a college or university in the United States or from an institution located in a country in which English is the official language, provided English was the language of instruction.
	Minimum scores for the program are:
	- Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 7.0 with no individual score below 6.0; or
	- TOEFL: 600 on paper-based or 100 on Internet-based.
Recommenda required:	Two (2) recommendations
Prior academic records:	Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.
	If transcripts are in a language other than English, English language translations must be provided. The English translation alone should be uploaded into your application.
Statement of purpose:	In an essay of 250 – 500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study in your chosen field. Include your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application, or resumé/curriculum vita.
International applicants only:	Please review International Applicant Information (https://columbian.gwu.edu/international-graduate-applicants (https://columbian.gwu.edu/international-graduate-applicants/)) carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW, and English language requirements.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Office of Graduate Studies
The George Washington University
801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 107
Washington DC 20052

For additional information about the admissions process visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (https://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate-admissions-faq/) page.

Contact:

askccas@gwu.edu
202-994-6210 (phone)

Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

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

40 credits, including 19 credits in required core courses, 6 credits in tools courses, a minimum of 9 credits in a policy field, and 6 credits in elective courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
Policy core		
PPPA 6000	Perspectives on Public Values	
PPPA 6002	Research Methods and Applied Statistics (taken for 3 credits)	
PPPA 6007	Microeconomics for Public Policy I	
PPPA 6008	MPA/MPP Capstone	
PPPA 6011	Politics and Policy Analysis	
PPPA 6013	Regression Methods for Policy Research	
PPPA 6014	Microeconomics for Public Policy II	
Tools of analysis		
Two courses selected from the following:		
PPPA 6005	Public Budgeting, Revenue, and Expenditure Analysis	
PPPA 6015	Benefit-Cost Analysis	
PPPA 6016	Public and Nonprofit Program Evaluation	
PPPA 6020	Decision Modeling for Public Policy	
PPPA 6021	Data Visualization	
PPPA 8022	Econometrics for Policy Research	
PPPA 8023	Mixed Methods in Research Design	
Field of study/electives		
Students must complete a policy field of at least 9 credits. The remaining 6 credits required for the degree may be taken in that field or they may be used as electives to, e.g., include additional tools courses or courses in other fields in their program of study.		

COMBINED PROGRAMS

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- Dual Master of Public Policy and Doctor of Philosophy in the field of political science (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/dual-mpp-and-phd-political-science/)
- Dual Master of Public Policy and Graduate Certificate in data science (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/dual-mpp-and-data-science-gc/)
- Dual Master of Public Policy and Graduate Certificate in budget and public finance (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/dual-mpp-gc-budget-public-finance/)
- Dual Master of Public Policy and Graduate Certificate in nonprofit management (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/dual-mpp-nonprofit-management/)
- Joint Master of Public Policy and Juris Doctor (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/dual-mpp-and-jd/)