

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE (MS)

The Master of Science in International Public Service (IPS) prepares students interested in public policy to serve the common good and advance a just society, in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul. The IPS degree educates professionals to the field of international development and global humanitarian affairs. It provides the essential competencies and skills for managing international projects and leading international nongovernmental organizations. The curriculum offers a balanced education in international leadership (ethical, theoretical and practical), project management (for organizations, sectors, institutions) and evaluation (assessment, monitoring and impact analysis). Through study abroad programs, international internships and applied research projects with nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations, the IPS degree is required for a professional career in international development.

Mission Statement

The Master of Science in International Public Service (IPS) degree prepares students to work in governmental, nongovernmental and business organizations that seek to reduce disparities in resources and opportunities in locations across the globe. We believe that such work requires an understanding of cross-sector relations, management skills and first-hand experiences in strengthening community capacity using ethical reasoning and sustainable approaches. We promote compassion for marginalized communities and service to all with sensitivity, professionalism, accountability, transparency, and justice.

Program Requirements	Quarter Hours
Core Requirements	44
Elective Courses	8
Total hours required	52

The MS in International Public Service may also be expanded to include select graduate certificate programs covering particular areas of interest. Students participating in a combined MS/certificate program should consult with their academic advisor (SPSAdvising@depaul.edu (spsadvising@depaul.edu)) to determine what coursework might count toward both programs. A separate application process for the certificate may be required. Students who are interested in any of the following combination programs should contact the Graduate Student Services Office (<https://las.depaul.edu/about/administration-staff/Pages/graduate-student-office.aspx>) for additional information.

- International Public Service + Community Development Certificate
- International Public Service + Critical Ethnic Studies Certificate
- International Public Service + Emergency Management Administration Certificate
- International Public Service + Geographic Information Systems Certificate
- International Public Service + Global Health Certificate
- International Public Service + Health Care Administration Certificate
- International Public Service + Metropolitan Planning and Development Certificate
- International Public Service + Politics and Policies of Forced Migration Certificate
- International Public Service + Strategic Writing and Advancement for Nonprofits Certificate

- International Public Service + Social Research Certificate
- International Public Service + Sustainable Urban Food Systems
- International Public Service + Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Certificate
- International Public Service + Translation and Interpreting Certificate
- International Public Service + Women's and Gender Studies Certificate

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Critically assess the global consideration and implications of issues/concerns to multiple audiences in the appropriate written and oral formats.
- Apply an ethical and empirical framework to organizational decisions.
- Analyze the leadership and management skills essential to sustaining international public service organizations.

Degree Requirements

Students are required to complete a total of 13 courses (52 credit hours): eleven core courses (44 credit hours), two elective courses (8 credit hours).

Core Courses

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
MPS 501	FOUNDATIONS OF PUBLIC SERVICE	4
MPS 510	INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS OF PUBLIC SERVICE	4
MPS 511	SUSTAINABLE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	4
MPS 533	APPLIED STATISTICS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE (USING EXCEL)	4
or MPS 536	APPLIED STATISTICS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE (USING SPSS)	
MPS 575	STUDY ABROAD SEMINAR	
MPS 583	RESEARCH METHODS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE	4
MPS 593	INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR	4
MPS 594	ETHICAL LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC SERVICE	4
MPS 611	MANAGEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL NGOs	4
MPS 612	INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY	4
MPS 616	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT	4

Elective Courses

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
Choose two of the following:		8
MPS 500	PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT	
MPS 513	VOLUNTEERISM IN GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY	
MPS 514	GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	
MPS 515	NONPROFIT FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	
MPS 518	PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	

MPS 519	RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
MPS 521	LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC SERVICE
MPS 522	FUNDAMENTALS OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
MPS 524	THE BUSINESS OF PHILANTHROPY
MPS 525	WORKING WITH NONPROFIT BOARDS
MPS 529	STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING
MPS 541	ECONOMIC FOUNDATIONS OF PUBLIC SERVICE
MPS 542	POLICY DESIGN AND ANALYSIS
MPS 543	POLICY IMPLEMENTATION
MPS 546	ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING
MPS 552	GIS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MPS 561	LAW AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
MPS 563	LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY
MPS 568	COMPARATIVE INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY POLICIES
MPS 573	HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MPS 576	ENERGY POLICY AND THE ENVIRONMENT
MPS 578	URBAN RESILIENCE AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION POLICY
MPS 579	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
MPS 600	INDEPENDENT STUDY
MPS 601	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNSHIP
MPS 604	SPECIAL TOPICS
MPS 615	MANAGEMENT OF INTERCULTURAL DIVERSITY
MPS 618	MIGRATION AND FORCED MIGRATION
MPS 619	INTERNATIONAL LAW

Study Abroad Requirement

Students are required to take the MPS 575 study abroad course. This one week study abroad trip allows both full-time and part-time students to participate. Students should apply for the competitive study abroad scholarships to help with travel costs.

Internship Option

Students have the option to complete substantial professional experience in an international or intercultural setting for course credit. Students without substantial professional experience in an international or intercultural setting, are strongly encouraged to pursue an internship with an approved organization. To pursue this option, students enroll in MPS 601 while completing the internship. For more information contact SPSAdvising@depaul.edu.

Foreign Language Proficiency

Students are *not* required to demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language as a graduation requirement. However, please note that a second language is critical to helping a resume stand out and for constructing an effective career in international public service. Therefore all students are strongly encouraged to build and demonstrate

proficiency in at least one other language appropriate to their field or geographical interests.

Student Handbook

Students in the School of Public Service will follow many of the requirements, rules, and regulations set by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and the DePaul University Graduate Student Handbook (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/student-handbooks/graduate/>). There are additional academic regulations specific to students in the School of Public Service. Please see information below.

Academic Probation

All students within the School of Public Service must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher as part of their requirements for graduation. As a result, any student who earns a cumulative GPA below 2.7 (B-) is placed on academic probation. Students on academic probation are required to meet with an Academic Advisor (SPSAdvising@depaul.edu) to discuss their performance and determine a plan for improvement.

Dismissal

Students who are not able to raise their cumulative GPA to a minimum of 2.7 within two academic quarters (after being placed on academic probation) are subject to dismissal from the program.

Readmission

If a student is dismissed from the program (as outlined in the dismissal policy), they may reapply through the formal admission application process.

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate from the program, students must complete all program requirements with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher. If a student's cumulative GPA is below a 2.7, they may be denied graduation.

Non-Degree Seeking Students

While School of Public Service courses are open to non-degree seeking graduate students, pre-requisite requirements for certain courses may be enforced.