PUBLIC POLICY (MPP) ONLINE

The Masters in Public Policy (MPP) 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 MPP degree develops effective leaders in nonprofit and government professions. Students will develop public policy and leadership skills through the School of Public Service curriculum, which stresses ethics, problem-solving and research skills, and the ability to implement public policy.

This degree is accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA).

Mission Statement

The Master in Public Policy degree prepares students to conduct public policy analysis with an emphasis on analytic skill building, community advocacy, and ethical leadership development. We promote compassion for marginalized communities and service to all with sensitivity, professionalism, accountability, transparency, and justice.

Program Requirements	Quarter Hours
Core Requirements	40
Elective Courses	12
Total hours required	**52**

The MPP may also be expanded to include select graduate certificate programs covering particular areas of interest. Students participating in a combined MPP/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.

- Masters in Public Policy + Community Development Certificate
- Masters in Public Policy + Critical Ethnic Studies Certificate
- Masters in Public Policy + Emergency Management Administration Certificate
- Masters in Public Policy + Geographic Information Systems Certificate
- Masters in Public Policy + Global Health Certificate
- Masters in Public Policy + Health Care Administration Certificate
- Masters in Public Policy + Metropolitan Planning and Development Certificate
- Masters in Public Policy + Politics and Policies of Forced Migration Certificate
- Masters in Public Policy + Social Research Certificate
- Masters in Public Policy + Strategic Writing and Advancement for Nonprofits Certificate
- Masters in Public Policy + Sustainable Urban Food Systems Certificate
- Masters in Public Policy + Translation and Interpreting Certificate
- Masters in Public Policy + Women's and Gender Studies Certificate

Learning Outcomes

- Lead ethically in the field of public policy.
- Create and assess plans for citizen involvement in policy planning, advocacy, and implementation.
- Understand, apply, and consider the trade-offs in social equity, political accountability, and economic efficiency.
- Communicate effectively through oral and written media.
- Become engaged and informed citizens, active in public policy and service.

Degree Requirements

Course Requirements

Students complete a total of 13 courses (52 credit hours). Ten courses (40 credit hours) of core coursework and three courses (12 credit hours) of electives are required.

Core Courses

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
MPS 501	FOUNDATIONS OF PUBLIC SERVICE	
MPS 533	APPLIED STATISTICS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE (USING EXCEL)	4
or MPS 536	APPLIED STATISTICS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE (USING SPSS)	
MPS 541	ECONOMIC FOUNDATIONS OF PUBLIC SERVICE	4
MPS 542	POLICY DESIGN AND ANALYSIS	4
MPS 543	POLICY IMPLEMENTATION	4
MPS 546	ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING	4
MPS 563	LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY	4
MPS 583	RESEARCH METHODS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE	4
MPS 593	INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR	4
MPS 594	ETHICAL LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC SERVICE	4

Elective Courses

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
Select three from the following:		12
MPS 500	PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT	
MPS 511	SUSTAINABLE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	
MPS 514	GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	
MPS 526	LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION	
MPS 527	BEHAVIORAL STRATEGIES FOR PUBLIC SERVICE	
MPS 552	GIS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
MPS 554	PRINCIPLES OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING	
MPS 564	PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING	
MPS 568	COMPARATIVE INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY POLICIES	
MPS 571	METROPOLITAN PLANNING	

MPS 572	POVERTY, INEQUALITY AND PUBLIC POLICY
MPS 573	HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MPS 575	STUDY ABROAD SEMINAR
MPS 576	ENERGY POLICY AND THE ENVIRONMENT
MPS 578	URBAN RESILIENCE AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION POLICY
MPS 579	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
MPS 601	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNSHIP
MPS 604	SPECIAL TOPICS

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 Handbook. 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 (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.