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
Core Requirements

- MPS 500 INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT 4
- MPS 533 APPLIED STATISTICS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE (USING EXCEL) 4
- MPS 536 or MPS 536 APPLIED STATISTICS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE (USING SPSS) 4
- 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
Select three from the following:

- MPS 511 SUSTAINABLE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- MPS 527 BEHAVIORAL STRATEGIES FOR PUBLIC SERVICE
- MPS 535 HEALTH CARE POLICY
- MPS 552 GIS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- MPS 554 PRINCIPLES OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING
- MPS 564 PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING
- 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

Learning Outcomes
- Lead ethically in the field of public policy.
- Create and assess plans for citizen involvement in policy planning, advocacy, and implementation.
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 the Assistant Director for Academic Advising (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), he or she 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, he or she 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.