PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION, MA PUBLIC POLICY SPECIALIZATION

Students in this specialization will be able to understand the factors in public decision-making and policy formulation by honing their analytical skills and increasing their theoretical and practical knowledge in the field. Graduates are able to evaluate competing demands and lead toward innovative and transformative public policy solutions.

Curriculum

Core Courses (10 units)

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<td>MPPA 402-DL/402-0</td>
<td>Elements of Public Finance and Budgeting</td>
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<td>Fundamentals of Public Administration</td>
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Specialization Courses (3 units)

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<td>Special Topics in Public Policy (Demography, Global Health and Policy)</td>
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<td>MPPA 580-DL</td>
<td>Global Policy Laboratory</td>
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About the Final Project

Students may pursue their capstone experience independently or as part of a team. As their final course, students take either the individual research project in an independent study format or the classroom final project class in which students integrate the knowledge they have gained in the core curriculum in work assigned by the instructor. In both cases students are guided by faculty in exploring the body of knowledge on public policy and administration while contributing research of practical value to the field. The capstone 590 thesis project and 498 capstone class count as one unit of credit.

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