The Master’s in Public Policy and Administration requires the successful completion of 13 courses to obtain a degree. Students complete ten core courses, including a capstone or thesis, and three elective courses. There are five specializations: Data Analytics (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/sps/graduate/public-policy-administration/public-policy-administration-ma-data-analytics-specialization/), Global Health (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/sps/graduate/public-policy-administration/public-policy-administration-ma-global-health-specialization/), Global Policy (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/sps/graduate/public-policy-administration/public-policy-administration-ma-global-specialization/), Public Administration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/sps/graduate/public-policy-administration/public-policy-administration-ma-public-administration-specialization/), and Public Policy (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/sps/graduate/public-policy-administration/public-policy-administration-ma-public-policy-specialization/). Current students should refer to curriculum requirements in place at time of entry into the program.

**Curriculum**

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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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