

PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION, MA

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

Core Courses (10 units)

Course	Title
MPPA 401-DL/401-0	Research Methods
MPPA 402-DL/402-0	Elements of Public Finance and Budgeting
MPPA 403-DL/403-0	Fundamentals of Public Administration
MPPA 404-DL/404-0	Microeconomics for Public Policy Administration
MPPA 405-DL/405-0	Statistics for Research
MPPA 406-DL/406-0	Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis
MPPA 407-DL/407-0	Scope and Theory of Public Policy
MPPA 408-DL/408-0	Public Organization Theory & Management
MPPA 418-DL/418-0	Ethics and Leadership
MPPA 498-DL/498-0 or MPPA 590-DL	The Capstone Project Thesis Research

Electives (3 units)

Course	Title
MPPA 411-DL/411-0	The Legislative Process
MPPA 413-DL/413-0	Foundations of the Nonprofit/NGO Sector
MPPA 417-DL/417-0	Public Human Resources
MPPA 419-DL/419-0	The Strategic Policy Environment
MPPA 420-DL/420-0	Disaster Management and Theory
MPPA 421-DL	Administrative Law
MPPA 430-DL/430-0	Behavioral Economics
MPPA 432-DL/432-0	Intergovernmental Relations
MPPA 435-DL/435-0	Regulatory Policy
MPPA 438-DL/438-0	Environmental and Climate Policy
MPPA 440-DL/440-0	International Institutions
MPPA 450-DL/450-0	Global Economic Policy
MPPA 490-DL/490-0	Special Topics in Public Policy
MPPA 580-DL	Global Policy Laboratory

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.

Course	Title
Choose one	
MPPA 498-DL/498-0	The Capstone Project
MPPA 590-DL	Thesis Research