

# PUBLIC POLICY (MAPO)

Graduate Degree Program  
College: Public Policy

## Abstract

The Master of Public Policy (MPP) is a two-year professional degree designed to provide students with the skills, expertise and networks to identify problems and create the solutions. The MPP curriculum consists of two components - a core set of courses (27 credits total) that provide a foundation in governance, quantitative skills and the practice of public policy and elective courses that allow a deeper dive into a particular area of interest. Students may use elective credits to complete one or two specializations, and/or pursue general policy interests. Specializations include environmental policy, international development policy, international security and economic policy, leadership and management, nonprofit management and leadership, public financial management, social policy, health policy, education policy, and a self-design option. Students must complete 48 credits to earn the MPP degree.

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## ADMISSIONS

### General Requirements

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

### Program-Specific Requirements

- Letters of Recommendation (2)
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) (optional)
- CV/Resume
- Supplementary Application (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2023-05/umdsupplementaryapplicationplcy2020.pdf>)

For more admissions information or to apply to the program, please visit our Graduate School website (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying/>).

## Application Deadlines

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline
<b>Domestic Applicants</b>		
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	May 16, 2025	December 6, 2024
<b>International Applicants</b>		
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants	March 14, 2025	September 27, 2024

**Other Deadlines:** Please visit the program website at <http://www.publicpolicy.umd.edu>

## REQUIREMENTS

- Public Policy, Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/public-policy-mapo/public-policy-mpp/>)