

Master in Public **Affairs/Policy** Master in (MPA/MPP) Public Health (MPH) trains students to analyze, a non-clinical degree that create and implement trains students for a career policies to address the in public health. most pressing problems in society. **PUBLIC POLICY** ERNATIONAL **AFFAIRS** MASTER'S DEGREE **Joint Degree** Master in Public (MPA/JD/MBA) Administration (MPA) trains students in public trains students for a career policy/IA and another in the management of discipline; i.e., public programs. law, business.

Undergraduate Coursework

While there is no "right" major, undergraduate coursework should include a combination of the following:

- Social sciences (politics, sociology, psychology)
- Quantitative methods (mathematics, statistics, economics)
- Linguistic and cultural proficiency (foreign languages, anthropology, humanities)
- And other fields related to an applicant's interests (law, science, management).

Post-Graduate Work Experience

Master's degree students come from a range of professional backgrounds in the public, private and non-profit sectors. They also often have volunteer and internship experiences that showcase their focus on the public good.

Leadership Skills

Students often demonstrate leadership in their college and post-graduate jobs, volunteer work and extracurricular activities.

Required Tests for Admission

Most programs require applicants to take and submit the GRE before the application deadline; it is important to find out each school's requirements well before the application is due.

English language test (TOEFL/ IELTS) scores are usually required for all non-native English-speaking applicants unless they have received a bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited college/university where English is the language of instruction.

Fellowships

Each graduate program has its own criteria for financial aid and awards; it is important to review those policies on each school's website. In addition, there are independent programs that provide funding assistance for graduate studies in public policy or international affairs such as:

- AmeriCorps
- Charles B. Rangel Fellowship
- Fulbright Foreign Student Program
- Thomas Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship
- Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation

WHERE DO PUBLIC AFFAIRS GRADUATES WORK?

Examples of Career Paths

PUBLIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

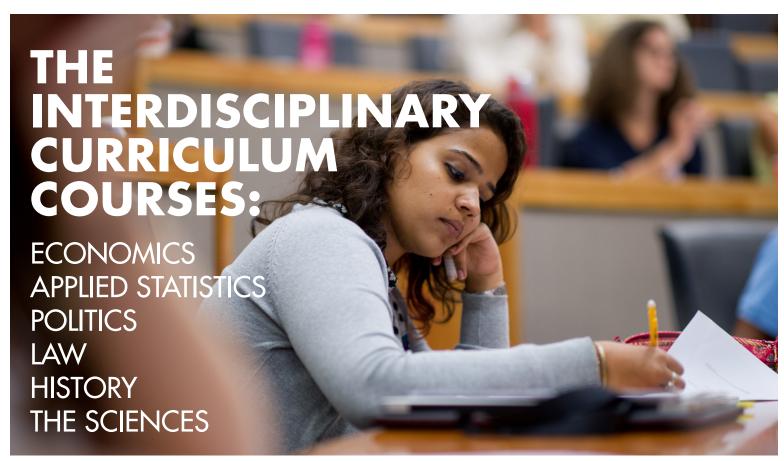
CAREERS

VS. PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION

CAREERS (unelected public/civil servants)

Policy Analyst
Foreign Service Officer
Deputy Director
Economic Advisor
Elected Official
NGO Program Director
Ambassador

Heads of City, County, Regional, State and Federal Departments Municipal Budget Directors Human Resources City Managers Census Managers State Mental Health Directors Cabinet Secretaries





ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (ASPIA)

www.apsia.org

Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)

www.naspaa.org

Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) www.ppipprogram.org

