Penn State’s MPP Degree

From climate change to health care, there are some big questions to answer and some significant challenges to address. The Master of Public Policy program in the School of Public Policy tackles them by creating professionals with the skills to identify, analyze, and solve major policy issues.

PENN STATE’S SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY
MPP PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO
TRANSFORM TODAY’S LEARNERS INTO
TOMORROW’S LEADERS

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR THE MPP?

The MPP degree provides professional training for those seeking careers in the design, implementation, evaluation, and advocacy of public policies. The program is open to students from any major with a variety of policy interests. Graduates pursue careers at think tanks, nonprofits, as analysts, consultants, and elected officials in local, state, and federal government.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Penn State’s MPP degree provides students with substantive knowledge of the policy process and training in quantitative policy analysis and evaluation through the core curriculum, applied capstone experience, internships, and career placement. Students select an existing policy specialization or work with faculty to design a specialization to meet their career goals.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

• B.A. degree or equivalent
• Generally a 3.0 minimum GPA
• Two letters of recommendation
• 1500-word personal statement
• GRE not required
PROGRAM GOALS

DEVELOP PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Communication
- Project management
- Policy analysis
- Data analytics
- Program evaluation
- Teamwork
- Problem solving
- Project and research design

GAIN EXPERTISE IN A POLICY SPECIALIZATION

- Data Science/Analytics
- Criminal Justice
- Health Policy
- Labor and Employment Relations
- Children and Family Policy
- Information Technology
- International Public Policy

Choose an existing specialization or work with Penn State faculty to design a specialization to meet your career goals!

PREPARE FOR YOUR CAREER

- Federal, state, and local government
- Nonprofit organizations
- Consulting firms
- Private sector companies
- Think tanks
- Lobbying firms

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