PUBLIC POLICY (M.P.P.)

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Description

The Master in Public Policy degree (MPP) offers you the opportunity to learn the skills you need to succeed in today’s public policy profession—analytical expertise, strategic vision, clear and compelling communications, and the tools of leadership. The MPP degree is ideal whether you will be completing your bachelor’s degree in the near future or are currently working in a policy-related field. You can choose a track focused on policy analysis or strategy and communications—and select from a broad range of electives to personalize your degree. Built into the unique curriculum are a variety of experiential learning opportunities to deepen and broaden what you learn in the classroom, such as:

• **Colloquium in Washington, DC:** You will be immersed in the capital scene – meeting with leaders in Congress, the White House, government agencies, political parties, advocacy groups, think tanks, and more.

• **Policy Internship:** You will work in a policy-focused organization to gain practical, real-world experience and a valuable perspective on careers in public policy.

• **Capstone Project:** You will employ the skills you have gained to delve deeply into a specific policy area to produce a comprehensive written report and oral presentation.

You can earn your MPP degree in as little as 14 months (or 12 months for accelerated UNH students). You can also choose to earn your MPP degree over a longer period by attending part time.

**Program Delivery & Location:** Academic courses are offered in person on the UNH Durham campus with a portion of the experiential learning taking place offsite: Washington, DC, for the Colloquium and at the Internship site location during the internship experience.

Requirements

Students enrolled in the Carsey School’s Master in Public Policy program are required to complete a forty (40) credit program, consisting of:

• Five (5) CORE Curriculum Courses
• Four (4) EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING Activities
• Two (2) PUBLIC POLICY TRACK Courses (Strategy and Communication Track or Policy Analysis Track)
• Four (4) ELECTIVE Courses

These provide the foundational analytical, strategic, and communication skills for a successful career in the world of policy making. Students focus their policy studies by choosing either the Strategy and Communication Track or the Policy Analysis Track and completing two courses in one of the tracks. Courses in both tracks can also be taken as open electives. Further opportunities for depth and specialization in substantive policy areas are provided by open elective courses which vary by semester.

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**MPP EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING Activities (4 Courses):**

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**PUBLIC POLICY TRACK (2 Courses):**

Two (2) courses are selected based upon the chosen track: Strategy and Communication Track or Policy Analysis Track

**ELECTIVE Courses (4 Courses):**

Four (4) open elective courses are selected in substantive areas approved by the MPP program (or 3 open elective courses if the Policy Internship is taken for credit, PPOL 998)

Total Credits 40

1 In special cases and with your MPP Advisor’s permission, the Policy Internship may be taken for credit (PPOL 998, 3 credits), supervised by a faculty member who will provide the academic structure to parallel the applied experience. If this is the case, the required number of MPP-approved elective courses is reduced to three (3) courses.

2 Students choose two (2) courses from either the Strategy and Communication Track or the Policy Analysis Track. Courses in both tracks can also be taken as open elective courses.

3 Open elective courses are available in many substantive areas. Topics and courses are added on a continuing basis. Students may propose additional electives if they make sense in terms of the student’s interests and academic plan. Discussion with an MPP Academic Advisor should inform this choice.