

# School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

## Master of Public Policy



### Program Description

The Master of Public Policy degree program offers students an interdisciplinary graduate education designed to develop skills for careers in both public and private sectors. Taught by internationally recognized faculty at the University of Texas at Dallas, students in the program gain an essential foundation in public policy processes and the analysis and evaluation of public policies, as well as applied economics, statistical analysis, ethics and effective communication. The program also introduces students to various disciplinary subfields:



- Public Policy
- Development
- International Conflict and Security
- International Political Economy
- Social and Health Policy
- Business, Technology and Innovation

With coursework and advanced research in core courses, theories of political economy, and analytical methods—and with a solid understanding of public policies and processes—graduate of the program will be well-prepared for analytical and administrative positions and responsibilities in a wide array of public, nonprofit and private organizations as well as advanced study for careers in academia and other research-focused institutions.

### Benefits

The Public Policy master's program ensures that students gain a broad understanding of their discipline, apply their knowledge and analytical skills to create effective and novel solutions to practical problems and communicate and work effectively in collaborative environments.

Other benefits include:

- *World-Class Faculty:* The program is led by faculty of the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences who are widely cited experts in their respective fields.
- *Comprehensive Curriculum:* Courses in the Public Policy master's program will introduce students to new ideas, technologies and competencies while preparing them to succeed in both public and private sectors.
- *Facilities:* Students have full access to four state-of-the-art computer laboratories housed in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences. All computers are network linked and hold full suites of leading survey, qualitative, spatial and statistical analysis software, including Qualtrics, NVivo, ArcGis, ENVI, EViews, R, STATA, and SAS.
- *Location:* Situated in the greater Dallas region—recently rated by *Forbes* magazine as the #1 “Best City for Jobs”—UT Dallas provides students with easy access to employers and internship opportunities, not to mention a large and supportive alumni population.

### Career Opportunities

What makes a professional career in public policy unique is the emphasis on tackling “wicked problems” – the challenging issues that define the public agenda and call for talented individuals to devote their efforts to finding solutions.

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A career in public policy once meant government employment, but given the connections between governments, nonprofits, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and universities, public policy graduates have pursued highly successful employment in all kinds of organizations, contributing directly to the public good in both public and private sectors.

### **Marketable Skills**

The Master of Public Policy (MPP) develops skills for careers in which a solid understanding of the public policy process and the analysis and evaluation of public policies are essential. Students will be prepared for analytical and administrative positions and responsibilities in a wide array of professional settings in the public, nonprofit, and private sectors as well as advanced study for careers in research.

### **Application Deadlines and Requirements**

Please take note of all application deadlines and visit the Apply Now webpage to begin the application process. See the Public Policy program website for additional information.

Applicants to the Public Policy master's degree program should have:

- A baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an accredited institution of higher education.
- Although applications will be reviewed holistically, in general, entering students have earned a 3.0 undergraduate grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0-point scale.
- Test Scores: A verbal score of 156 and a quantitative score of 146 on the GRE.
- Letters of Recommendation: Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation from individuals who can judge the candidate's potential for success in the master's degree program.
- Admissions Essay: Applicants must submit a one-page essay outlining personal background, education and professional objectives.
- International applicants must submit a TOEFL score of at least 80 on the internet-based test. Scores must be less than two years old. See the Graduate Catalog for additional information regarding English proficiency requirements for international applicants.

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