



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

**DEVELOPING THE NEXT
GENERATION OF PROBLEM
SOLVERS AND LEADERS.**



PennState
College of the Liberal Arts

MPP Overview

Provides professional training for those seeking careers in the design, adoption, implementation, and evaluation of public policies.

Core curriculum
Applied capstone experience
Internships
Career placement

43 total credits
(42 for working professionals)



Specializations & Curriculum

Specializations

Criminal Justice

Information Technology

Data/Science Analytics

International Policy

Environmental Policy

Labor and Employment Relations

Gender Equity and Policy

Racial Justice and Equity

Health Policy

Social Policy

*Choose an existing specialization or
design a specialization to meet your career goals!*

Curriculum

All major requirements for the undergrad B.S. degree in Health Policy and Administration (39 credits).

MPP coursework (43 credits).

Four courses during the fourth year of study will count for both the HPA B.S. and MPP.



Careers

Public policy expertise is in high demand and a public policy degree is highly valued by employers in a variety of sectors.

There are many jobs available in all levels of government, nonprofit organizations, lobbying and consulting firms, with think tanks, and with private sector companies.



Politics:

Positions with National, State, and Local Government
Campaign Operations
Events and Public Relations
Communications
Policy Development

Non-political options:

Program Analysis
Program Management
Administration

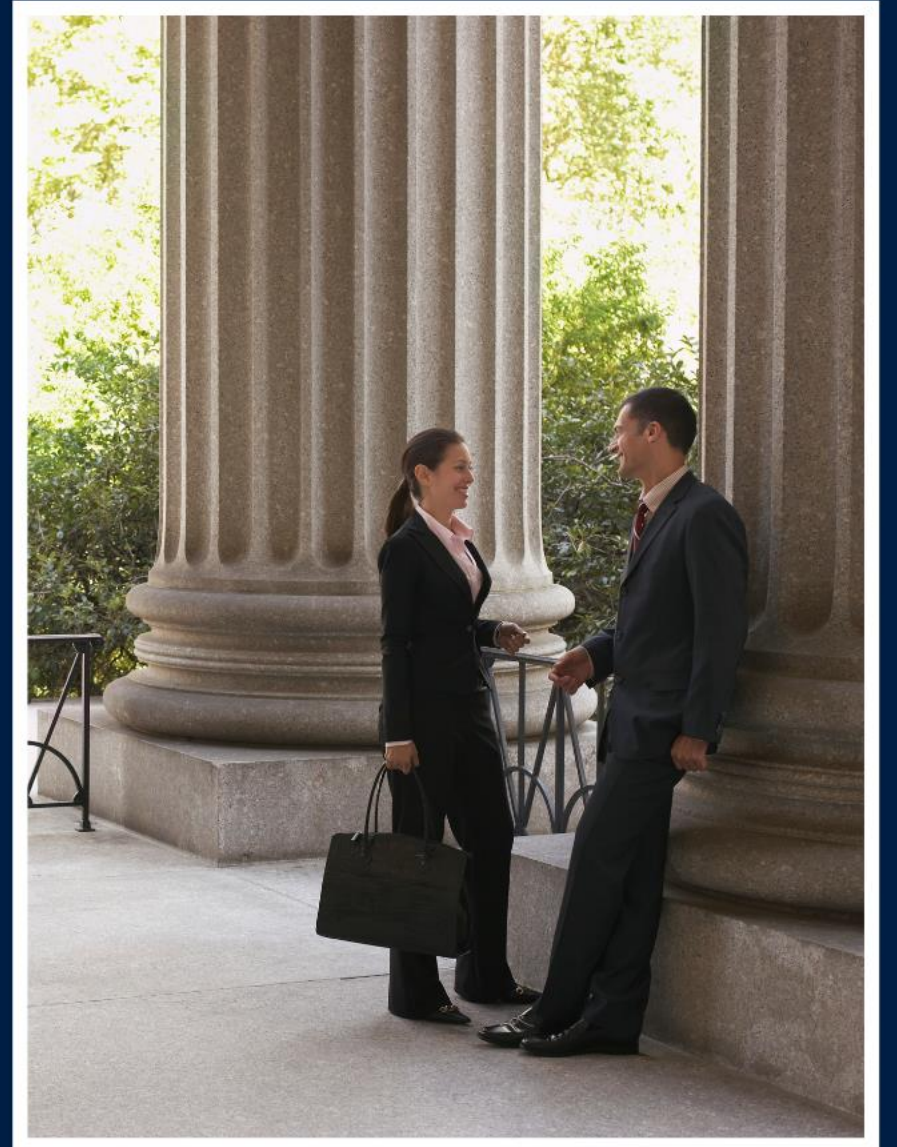
Non-profit arena:

Policy Research
Advocacy Work on Policy Issues
Serve on Government Relations Team

Earnings

According to the US Census Bureau, MPP grads earn an average of \$19,000 more than their counterparts with bachelor's degrees.

Pay between \$40K - 125K



RESOURCES

- Internship Placement
- Career Coaching
- Leadership Development
- Professional Development



Kaj Althaus interned with the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing

Requirements

- Generally have a minimum overall GPA of 3.2 at the time of application.

- Faculty Recommendations!!!

- Two-page statement of purpose.

No GRE Requirement

KDI-SPP Program Specifics

Degree Program	PSU MPP/KDI MPP	PSU MPP/KDI Masters of Public Management	PSU MPP/KDI Masters of Development Policy	PSU MPP/KDI Masters of Intellectual Property and Development
PSU MPP Required Courses				
PPOL 503: Statistics for Public Policy 1	Accept KDI Course: Quantitative Methods	Accept KDI Course: Quantitative Methods	Accept KDI Course: Quantitative Methods	Accept KDI Course: Quantitative Methods
PPOL 801: The Public Policy Process	Take at PSU	Accept KDI Course: Policy Process Analysis	Take at PSU	Take at PSU
PPOL 802: Economic Analysis for Public Policy	Accept KDI Course: Analysis of Market and Public Policy	Take at PSU	Accept KDI Course: Analysis of Market and Public Policy	Accept KDI Course: Analysis of Market and Public Policy
PPOL 804: Public Sector Organization Theory OR PPOL 805: Bureaucracy and the Policy Process OR PPOL 807: Managing Public Organizations (will usually be 807).	Take at PSU	Accept KDI Course: Public Organizations and Management	Take at PSU	Take at PSU

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PPOL 506: Statistics for Public Policy 2	Take at PSU	Take at PSU	Take at PSU	Take at PSU
PPOL 808: Public Finance and Budgeting	Take at PSU	Take at PSU	Take at PSU	Take at PSU
PPOL 809: Public Policy Analysis	Take at PSU	Take at PSU	Take at PSU	Take at PSU
PPOL 810: Policy and Program Evaluation	Take at PSU	Take at PSU	Take at PSU	Take at PSU
PPOL 895: Internship (Can be waived for working professionals)	Waived (All students in this program will be early or mid-career professionals)	Waived	Waived	Waived
PPOL Elective	Take at PSU	Take at PSU	Take at PSU	Take at PSU
Specialization Elective 1	Accept KDI Elective	Accept KDI Elective	Accept KDI Elective	Accept KDI Elective
Specialization Elective 2	Accept KDI Elective	Accept KDI Elective	Accept KDI Elective	Accept KDI Elective
Specialization Elective 3	Accept KDI Elective	Accept KDI Elective	Accept KDI Elective	Accept KDI Elective
Specialization Elective 4	Take at PSU	Accept KDI Elective	Take at PSU	Take at PSU
PPOL 894 Capstone	Take at PSU	Take at PSU	Take at PSU	Take at PSU
Total Credits Required: 43 or 42 (if internship is waived).	42 credits	42 Credits	42 credits	42 credits

Liberal Arts

How to Apply

- First steps

- gradschool.psu.edu

- No GRE

- Check the box noting you are applying to the Integrated Degree Program:



FOREIGN STUDENT, INTEGRATED, OR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

☐ I am participating in a cooperative, exchange, or other specialized foreign student program.

→ ☐ I am applying to an [Integrated Undergraduate/Graduate](#) (IUG) program, or joint degree program, for example, [J.D./M.B.A.](#) or [M.D./Ph.D.](#)

Why Penn State?

- Specialization flexibility

- Small size of program means individual attention from faculty and career staff.

- Expert faculty and Penn State resources.

- Penn State has the largest and one of the most loyal alumni networks of any university in the world.



Q&A

Please ask your questions using the Q&A button in the controls at the bottom of the Zoom window or email us anytime — publicpolicy@psu.edu



THANK YOU!

Questions?

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