

Public Policy, MPP (Arlington)

School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs (<https://cssh.northeastern.edu/policyschool/>)

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The Master of Public Policy is the recognized industry standard for those seeking careers in public policy analysis and design. The MPP degree emphasizes the analysis of data and other relevant information to enable graduates to assess public problems, develop appropriate policy responses, and evaluate program effectiveness. MPP graduates enter careers as policy analysts, researchers, consultants, program evaluators, and policymakers in a broad range of public and nonprofit settings, ranging from the local to the international, and in the private sector. At Northeastern University, the MPP joins the nationally accredited Master of Public Administration as well as our Master of Science in Urban Planning and Policy, Master of Science in Urban Informatics, Master of Science in Environmental Science and Policy, and Master of Arts in International Affairs. As such, MPP students are part of a larger School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs community of great intellectual and policy area diversity.

The MPP programs require all students to engage in an internship experience and offer an optional cooperative education experience to eligible students. Cooperative education is central to both the Northeastern experience and to the experiential liberal arts framework of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities. Northeastern's signature co-op ecosystem provides qualified master's students with six-month work experiences in businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies in Boston and across the United States.

Please review the tuition and fees (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/expenses/tuition-fees/>) page as credit costs differ depending on the college that offers the course.

Academic Standing/Progress

Students in the program are monitored for academic progress. Those students whose grade-point average falls below a 3.000 are notified by and meet with the director of academic programs. They are counseled that if their GPA does not rise to a 3.000 or higher, they run the risk of not graduating and are advised on strategies for improvement.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Core Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Methods, Statistics, and Applications Core		
INSH 6300	Research Methods in the Social Sciences	4
INSH 6500	Statistical Analysis	4
PPUA 6509 or PPUA 6506	Techniques of Program Evaluation Techniques of Policy Analysis	4
Policy Frameworks and Practice Core		
LPSC 7311	Strategizing Public Policy	4
PPUA 6502	Economic Analysis for Policy and Planning	4
PPUA 7673	Capstone in Public Policy and Urban Affairs	4
Methods and Statistics Elective		
Complete 4 semester hours from the following:		4
INSH 7400	Quantitative Analysis	
PPUA 5261	Dynamic Modeling for Environmental Decision Making	
PPUA 5262	Big Data for Cities	
PPUA 5263	Geographic Information Systems for Urban and Regional Policy	

Internship Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
PPUA 6861	Internship	0

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 12 semester hours from the following:		12
CRIM 5000 to CRIM 7999 (by advisement only)		
ECON 5000 to ECON 7999 (by advisement only)		
ENGL 5000 to ENGL 7999 (by advisement only)		

HIST 5000 to HIST 7999 (by advisement only)
LPSC 5000 to LPSC 7999
POLS 5000 to POLS 7999 (by advisement only)
PPUA 5000 to PPUA 7999
SOCL 5000 to SOCL 7999 (by advisement only)

Optional Co-op Experience

Code	Title	Hours
Four-month co-ops require registration at 1 semester hour for one term. Longer co-ops require registration at 1 semester hour per term for two consecutive terms.		1-2
PPUA 6964 and INSH 6864	Co-op Work Experience and Experiential Integration	

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

40 total semester hours required (41–42 with optional co-op)
Minimum 3.000 GPA required