

### UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

# BIDEN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY & ADMINISTRATION

# POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY (MPP) PROGRAM

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#### PART I: CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW

#### **Mission Statement**

The Joseph R. Biden, Jr. School of Public Policy and Administration (BSPA) equips students with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform research and public service activities that address pressing social and economic problems and enhance the quality of life in communities in Delaware, the nation, and the world. Through its academic programs and research and public service centers, BSPA engages faculty, professional staff, and students from a variety of disciplines and diverse backgrounds in the classroom, on public service project teams, and in collaboration with outside organizations.

#### Degrees Offered

BSPA is a freestanding school at the University of Delaware. It offers undergraduate programs, including the Bachelor of Science in Organizational and Community Leadership and the Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy. It also offers research oriented graduate programs, including the Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy and Administration, the Doctor of Philosophy in Disaster Science & Management, the Master of Arts in Urban Affairs and Public Policy, and the Master of Science in Disaster Science & Management. It also offers professional programs, including the Master of Public Administration (MPA), the Master of Public Policy (MPP), and

the Master of Public Health (MPH). Finally, it offers a number of '4+1' programs that provide the opportunity for undergraduates in selected majors to complete a master's degree in an additional year of coursework.

#### Master of Public Policy (MPP) - Overview

As a well-recognized core professional degree of schools of public affairs, the MPP program's objective is to provide advanced analytic and substantive knowledge of public policy to educate professionals for work in the public, private, and non-profit sectors on issues of public concern at all levels, local to global. This interdisciplinary degree draws from multiple fields of study, including economics, political science, sociology, psychology, education, law, history, and public health. The MPP degree focuses on professional skills in public policy analysis, program evaluation, and communication. Classroom learning for the MPP is supplemented by applied policy research and internship opportunities offered by BSPA, its affiliated programs and centers, and external partners.

MPP graduates often serve in a "translational" role between researchers, advocates, and policymakers. They help policymakers to understand complex data and research results that should inform public policymaking, as well as stakeholder and constituent demands for public policy. This translational role can be served from within or outside of government, including in nonprofit organizations, consulting firms, and other private businesses. Indeed, many public policy graduates work at some point in their careers for both governmental and nongovernmental organizations.

Students may enroll in the MPP full-time or part-time, although the curriculum is optimized to serve cohorts of full-time, in-person students in two years of academic work. UD undergraduates in selected majors can also complete the MPP through an accelerated program, as described below. The MPP program is administered by an MPP program director, in consultation with the BSPA director and BSPA's academic curriculum coordinating committee.

#### '4+1' Program Overview

Undergraduate majors, as well as the Honors equivalent, may complete the MPP through approximately one additional year of coursework following their undergraduate program. The majors<sup>1</sup> available to complete the '4+1' MPP are as follows:

- Africana Studies, Law, Public Policy, and Social Justice Concentration (BA-AFRA-MPP)
- Economics (BA-ECON-MPP)
- Economics (BS-ECON-MPP)
- Public Policy (BA-MPP)
- Women and Gender Studies (BA-WOMS-MPP)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> BA-AFRA-MPP, BA-ECON-MPP, BS-ECON-MPP, and BA-WOMS-MPP began in Academic Year 2021-2022. BA-MPP began in Academic Year 2019-2020.

A note on nomenclature: The university prefers us use the "4+1" designation for this type of accelerated dual-degree program. In reality, this program is not a true 4+1 program as typical students would need to take extra credits beyond 10 regular semesters to complete the two degrees in 5 years, if they do not bring in any advanced placement credits. Nevertheless, this program is an accelerated version of what would be required should students take the two programs in sequence due to the "double-counting" of credits between the two programs.

#### Statement of Purpose for '4+1' Programs

The '4+1' MPP provides professional training in policy analysis to undergraduates with skills that complement the interdisciplinary background and research focus of the degree. The connection with undergraduate Public Policy degree allows talented majors with a commitment to public service the opportunity for advanced study in preparation for their professional career. Several other majors connected to the '4+1' MPP are degrees that develop analytical skills and perspectives of historically marginalized populations; graduate study for these students with a commitment to public service and social change ensure that these students can have the largest impact as they begin their professional career. Other majors eligible for the '4+1' MPP provide opportunities for students grounded in economic theory and quantitative data analysis for a professional career focused on data-driven policy research and analysis.

With the connections to these undergraduate majors, the '4+1' MPP answers the call of the public policy profession to encourage diverse viewpoints in the analysis and creation of policy so that public policy reflects society's priorities. The '4+1' MPP also affirms UD's goal of encouraging the university community to build a more just and equitable society for all.

#### **PART II: ADMISSIONS**

#### **Policy Statement**

Given BSPA's mission, the MPP program seeks students with a mix of interests, backgrounds, and areas of competence and among whose goals include a commitment to public service. BSPA employs a variety of information sources in assessing a prospective student's motivation, interest, and ability to perform successfully in the MPP program. Applicants are sought who show promise of constructive involvement with faculty, staff, and other students in instruction, research, and public service. Consideration is given to the student's potential for successful completion of their graduate program within a reasonable period. No one criterion is the sole basis of an admissions decision.

Admission to the MPP program is competitive. Those who meet stated requirements are not guaranteed admission, nor are those who fail to meet all of those requirements necessarily precluded from admission if they offer other appropriate strengths.

The MPP program's admissions criteria and indicators of these criteria include:

Criteria	Indicators and Sources
Genuine interest and motivation to pursue graduate study in public policy; personal objectives, aspirations, and plans are well formulated, ethically based, and coherent.	Personal statement by candidate in admission application and/or subsequent communications; personal interviews (telephone or video conversations when personal interviews are not possible) with members of the BSPA faculty and the MPP admissions committee may be appropriate.  A current resume indicating professional experience.
Expectations of sound academic performance in graduate level work.	Review of undergraduate achievement and any previous graduate level work. A particular emphasis on assessing achievement in the context of the quality of the institutions the candidate has attended and the trends or patterns in achievement in the last 1 - 2 years of applicant's program.  TOEFL scores, if applicable, may be used.  Recommendations of faculty, professional associates, and/or community leaders.  Reports or research papers written by candidate (published or unpublished).
Ability to apply previously acquired competencies to problem areas, community, or organizational needs.	Contributions in and nature of professional work experience, volunteer service and/or internships. Assessments by faculty, professionals, and/or community leaders (letters of recommendation).

Given the professional objectives of the MPP program, the goal of serving students from a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and career stages as well as empirical analysis of prior student admissions and performance, the successful candidate for admission will ordinarily have an undergraduate grade point average index above 3.0 and an index of 3.3 or better in their major field of study (out of 4.0 scale). In addition, the quality and extent of previous related work experience and the motivation to pursue a professional career in public service are particularly important.

#### International Applicants

International applicants must demonstrate a satisfactory command of English, particularly if English is not their first language.

#### **English Proficiency**

The TOEFL or IELTS is required of all international applicants, unless a bachelors, masters, or doctoral degree has been or will be earned from a university recognized by the ministry of education in a country where English is the primary language. The School has established no minimum TOEFL or IELTS score for admission but a minimum score of 600 (paper-based test), or 100 (TOEFL iBT, IELTS) is usually required for admission. English proficiency scores are viewed in the context of the applicant's complete record. The MPP program follows University guidelines on English proficiency waivers (see <a href="https://www.udel.edu/academics/colleges/grad/prospective-students/grad-admissions/test-">https://www.udel.edu/academics/colleges/grad/prospective-students/grad-admissions/test-</a>

https://www.udel.edu/academics/colleges/grad/prospective-students/grad-admissions/test-scores/).

#### Conditional Admissions Program (CAP)

The MPP program participates in the University's Conditional Admissions Program (CAP) offered in conjunction with the English Language Institute (ELI). Through CAP, the University offers admission to otherwise qualified international graduate students with the condition that they must first improve their English language skills by successfully completing the highest levels of oral and written communications skills training offered by the ELI. Once CAP students meet these English language objectives, they begin their regular graduate coursework without submitting a TOEFL or IELTS score. (See <a href="http://sites.udel.edu/eli/programs/cap/">http://sites.udel.edu/eli/programs/cap/</a>).

#### Special Admission Requirements for '4+1' MPP Applicants

Applicants to the MPP through '4+1' programs have additional requirements for admission, in recognition that '4+1' MPP students begin graduate study while still an undergraduate. To be eligible to apply, applicants must have completed 60 credits, which is typically the fall of their junior year. Students will be admitted based on enrollment availability, their perceived fit within the program, and their ability to meet the minimum recommended entrance requirements of an undergraduate GPA of 3.3 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)

All '4+1' program applicants must complete the Graduate Course Approval Form for 4+1 Admission Application at the time of application. This form is required by the Graduate Office (see <a href="http://www1.udel.edu/gradoffice/forms-new/4%2B1.pdf">http://www1.udel.edu/gradoffice/forms-new/4%2B1.pdf</a> for the form). On this form, applicants must indicate their plan of study, including the courses intended to be "double counted" between their undergraduate program and MPP degree. This form should be completed in collaboration with the MPP advisor and must be signed by their undergraduate major advisor and the MPP program director; it will be reviewed by the Assistant Dean of Student Services to ensure all University policies are being followed. In the case of students with multiple majors, the undergraduate advisor in the major with the preferred connection to the '4+1' should be used. On this form, applicants typically select Spring of the upcoming year (junior year) as the application term but admission for the Fall semester (senior year) is possible.

Applicants must submit their completed application through the Graduate Admissions website (https://grad.udel.edu/apply/) by December 1 for the following spring semester start; or May 31 for the following fall semester start.

Additional requirements for admission depend on the undergraduate major:

#### **BA-AFRA-MPP**

The Africana Studies with a Concentration in Law, Public Policy, and Social Justice BA applicants should also have a minor in Public Policy. Students should be enrolled in, or have completed, the introductory course sequence of the 18-credit minor UAPP110 (Changing the World and Public Policy), UAPP225 (Crafting Public Policy), and UAPP325 (Public Policy Analysis) by the time of application. By completing the MPP, students will complete the Public Policy minor with the nine additional credits coming from their MPP courses.

#### **BA-ECON-MPP**

The Economics BA applicants must have completed UAPP110 (Changing the World and Public Policy) or UAPP225 (Crafting Public Policy) before they apply to the '4+1' program. Students could fulfill this requirement by using UAPP110 or UAPP225 as their Social Science breadth requirement.

#### **BS-ECON-MPP**

The Economics BS applicants must have completed UAPP110 (Changing the World and Public Policy) or UAPP225 (Crafting Public Policy) before they apply to the '4+1' program. Students could fulfill this requirement by using UAPP110 or UAPP225 as their Social Science breadth requirement.

#### **BA-MPP**

Applicants from the undergraduate degree in Public Policy must be enrolled in, or have completed, the introductory course sequence of UAPP110 (Changing the World and Public Policy), UAPP225 (Crafting Public Policy), and UAPP325 (Public Policy Analysis) by the time they apply to the program.

#### BA-WOMS-MPP

Applicants from Women and Gender Studies should also have a minor in Public Policy. Students should be enrolled in, or have completed, the introductory course sequence of the 18-credit minor UAPP110 (Changing the World and Public Policy), UAPP225 (Crafting Public Policy), and UAPP325 (Public Policy Analysis) by the time of application. By completing the MPP, students will complete the Public Policy minor with the nine additional credits coming from their MPP courses.

#### MPP Admissions Committee Process

Applications to the MPP program are evaluated by the MPP Admissions Committee. This committee is appointed by the BSPA director from among BSPA faculty and consists of at least two members. Decisions of the committee are subject to review and modification by the BSPA faculty and are made on behalf of the full faculty.

#### **PART III: DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

#### Curriculum

The **Master of Public Policy** (**MPP**) degree requires completion of 42 credits: a core of 27 credits, electives of 9 credits, an internship, and a 6-credit capstone course.

#### Core Courses (27cr)

Complete 6 credits of **Policy Foundations**:

UAPP701 - Public Policy (3cr) UAPP707 - Public Policy Analysis (3cr)

#### Complete 21 credits of **Research Methods and Tools**:

UAPP702 - Research Methods in Urban and Public Policy (3cr)

UAPP691 - Quantitative Analysis in Public and Non-Profit Sectors (3cr)

UAPP704 - Advanced Quantitative Methods (3cr)

UAPP693 - Economics in Public and Non-Profit Sectors (3cr)

UAPP709 - Advanced Economics in Public and Non-Profit Sectors (3cr)

UAPP684 - Performance Management and Program Evaluation (3cr)

Plus choose one addition research methods and tools (3cr), subject to the approval of the MPP program director, based on the student's policy interests. Possible courses include:

UAPP663 - Decision Tools for Policy Analysis (3cr)

UAPP694 - Financial Management in Public and Non-Profit Sectors (3cr)

UAPP718 - Survey Research Methods (3cr)

SPPA721 - Data Science Tools for Evidence-based Policy (3cr)

SPPA722 – Machine Learning for Public Policy (3cr)

HLPR632 - Health Science Data Analysis (3cr)

MAST672 - Benefit-Cost Analysis (3cr)

PHIL613 - Research Ethics (0-3cr)<sup>2</sup>

#### Electives (9cr)

Each student must design a plan of study in consultation with their assigned faculty advisor, including 9 credits of electives built around the student's substantive policy interests.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If used to satisfy the extra methods requirement, must be taken for 3 credits.

Possible areas of interest include but are not limited to Urban Policy, Social Policy, Education Policy, Emergency Management, and Health Policy.

#### Internship (0cr)

Complete a non-credit-bearing internship, ideally during the summer between years:

UNIV554 - Graduate Internship Semester (0cr)

Capstone (6cr)

Complete the following capstone experience in the last spring semester:

UAPP714 - Policy Studio (6cr)

#### Waiver of a Required Courses

Courses required in the MPP may be waived if comparable courses or the requisite skills are, or will be, acquired elsewhere under an approved plan of study. Course waivers must be approved by the MPP program director and noted in the student's file. Students must petition to substitute one course for each one that is waived. Waivers cannot be used to reduce the total number of credit hours (42) required for the completion of the MPP degree.

#### Waiver of Internship Requirement

MPP students with substantial prior or ongoing professional experience may petition to waive the internship requirement. Substantial professional experience is interpreted as at least 2 years of full-time work in a public or nonprofit organization where the individual has responsibility for public policy analysis, communication, program evaluation, development, or administration. Students who believe they meet this standard should contact the MPP program director.

#### Requirements for '4+1' Programs

Students in '4+1' Programs have several modifications to their undergraduate degree so MPP coursework will "double count" for both degrees. Per UD Graduate College guidelines, '4+1' MPP students can "double count" a maximum of 15 graduate credits towards the MPP.

#### 4+1 BA-AFRA-MPP

Students in the 4+1 BA-AFRA-MPP program must complete the degree requirements of the BA in Africana Studies and the degree requirements of the MPP. The 18-credit minor in Public Policy will be completed through completion of the nine credit Public Policy minor core necessary for admission to the BA-AFRA-MPP and nine credits from MPP coursework which will "double count" for the minor and the MPP.

A maximum of 15 credits be "double counted" across the two degrees which would eliminate one semester of full-time undergraduate study. These 15-credits would be "double counted" from the MPP program for the BA electives, to be specified on the "short form" application.

#### Suggested courses are:

- UAPP 691: Quantitative Analysis in Public and Nonprofit Sectors (3cr)
- UAPP 693: Economics in Public and Nonprofit Sectors (3cr)
- UAPP 701: Public Policy (3cr)
- SPPA 704: Advanced Quantitative Methods (3cr)
- MPP Elective (3cr)

#### 4+1 BA-ECON-MPP

Students in the 4+1 BA-ECON-MPP program must complete the degree requirements of the BA in Economics and the degree requirements of the MPP. However, due to their training in economic theory and statistical analysis, students in the BA-ECON-MPP will be waived from two MPP requirements:

- UAPP691 Quantitative Analysis (3cr)
- UAPP693 Economics of the Public and Non-Profit Sector (3cr)

In consultation with their MPP Advisor, students will replace these 6 credits with 6 graduate-level credits in research tools or policy electives.

We propose that up to 15 credits be "double counted" across the two which would eliminate one semester of full-time undergraduate study. These 15 credits include two courses that would count for Economics BA 400+ electives:

- UAPP 709: Advanced Economics in Public and Nonprofit Sectors (3cr)
- SPPA 704: Advanced Quantitative Methods (3cr)

Students would use up to three additional courses from the MPP as free electives towards their undergraduate degree. It is suggested that these three courses are UAPP 701 (3cr), UAPP 702 (3cr), and a MPP Elective (3cr) towards these free electives.

Note that BA-ECON-MPP should not take ECON 433 as an elective course due to its similarity with UAPP 709. All other graduate courses must be completed for the MPP degree; there is no difference in graduate curriculum for MPP direct-admit or BA-ECON-MPP students.

#### 4+1 BS-ECON-MPP

Students in the BS-ECON-MPP program must complete the degree requirements of the BS in Economics and the degree requirements of the MPP. However, due to their training in economic theory and advanced statistical analysis, students in the BS-ECON-MPP will be waived from three MPP requirements:

- UAPP691: Quantitative Analysis (3cr)
- UAPP693: Economics of the Public and Non-Profit Sector (3cr)
- SPPA704: Advanced Quantitative Methods (3cr)

In consultation with the MPP Advisor, students would replace these 9 credits with 9 other graduate credits in research tools or policy electives. SPPA704 must be replaced with another methods course.

There would be up to 15 credits dual-counted across the two degrees, which would eliminate one semester of full-time study. Course that would count for Economics BS 400+ electives would be:

- UAPP 709: Advanced Economics in Public and Nonprofit Sectors (3cr)
- Graduate-level methods course that replaces the SPPA704 MPP requirements (3cr)

Note that BS--ECON-MPP should not take ECON 433 as an elective course due to its similarity with UAPP 709. Students would use up to three additional courses from the MPP as free electives towards their undergraduate degree. It is suggested that these three courses are UAPP 701 (3cr), UAPP 702 (3cr), and a MPP Elective (3cr) towards these free electives. All graduate courses must be completed for the MPP degree; there is no difference in graduate curriculum for MPP direct-admit or BS-ECON-MPP students.

#### 4+1 BA-MPP

Students in the Public Policy BA degree will "double count" up to 15 credits from the MPP program for the BA electives. It is suggested that these courses include:

- UAPP 691: Quantitative Analysis in Public and Nonprofit Sectors (3cr)
- UAPP 693: Economics in Public and Nonprofit Sectors (3cr)
- UAPP 701: Public Policy (3cr)
- SPPA 704: Advanced Quantitative Methods (3cr)
- MPP Elective (3cr)

#### 4+1 BA-WOMS-MPP

Students in the 4+1 BA-WOMS-MPP program must complete the degree requirements of the BA in Women and Gender Studies and the degree requirements of the MPP. The 18-credit minor in Public Policy will be completed through completion of the nine credit Public Policy minor core necessary for admission to the BA-WOMS-MPP and nine credits from MPP coursework which will "double count" for the minor and the MPP.

A maximum of 15 credits may be "double counted" across the two degrees which would eliminate one semester of full-time undergraduate study. These 15-credits would be "double counted" from the MPP program for the BA electives, to be specified on the "short form" application. Suggested courses are:

- UAPP 691: Quantitative Analysis in Public and Nonprofit Sectors (3cr)
- UAPP 693: Economics in Public and Nonprofit Sectors (3cr)
- UAPP 701: Public Policy (3cr)
- SPPA 704: Advanced Quantitative Methods (3cr)

#### • MPP Elective (3cr)

All graduate courses must be completed for the MPP degree; there is no difference in graduate curriculum for MPP direct-admit or BA-WOMS-MPP students.

#### **PART IV: PLAN OF STUDY**

All MPP students, in consultation with their academic advisor, will complete and periodically review their plan of study. A suggested plan of study is included below.

Year 1, Fall (9 credits)	Year 1, Spring (12 credits)
UAPP 691: Quantitative Analysis	UAPP 693: Economics for the Public and Nonprofit Sectors
UAPP 701: Public Policy	SPPA 704: Advanced Quantitative Methods
UAPP 702: Research Methods	Extra Methods or Elective
	Elective

Summer	
UNIV 554: Internship	

Year 2, Fall (12 credits)	Year 2, Spring (9 credits)
UAPP 684: Performance Management	UAPP 714: Policy Studio
UAPP 707: Public Policy Analysis	Extra Methods of Elective
UAPP 709: Advanced Economics for the Public and Nonprofit Sectors	
Extra Methods or Elective	

To guide students on the '4+1' MPP degree, the Appendix includes sample sequences for each approved '4+1' MPP degree. Due to the nature of these '4+1' MPP programs, however, each '4+1' MPP student's plan of study may differ from these sample sequences.

#### Advisement

All students entering the MPP program are assigned a faculty advisor by the MPP program director, or the student may choose their advisor if the student has a preference. The faculty advisor is responsible for monitoring the progress and performance of the student throughout

their course of study with the MPP program. A student may request a change of academic advisor at any time by contacting the BSPA graduate program staff.

#### Note on Advisement of 4+1 Students

During the undergraduate portion of the program, students will be assigned a faculty member teaching in their major as their advisor. Students would apply to the '4+1' MPP program after the completion of 60 credits, which is typically in the fall of the 3rd year. Through the application process, the student prepares a plan of study and that plan becomes the initial basis for monitoring progress throughout the program.

After the student is admitted to the 4+ 1 program, students will be appointed an MPP advisor. Students in the '4+1' programs will typically be enrolled full-time throughout both degree programs. The MPP advisor is responsible for monitoring student progress and performance on a regular basis until the completion of all degree requirements. MPP courses would be introduced incrementally to the student's program for the remainder of their 3rd and 4th years. Full-time MPP study should commence in the 5th year. Sequencing and timing of courses should be discussed closely and frequently with the MPP advisor. Full-time study for BA students is at least 12 credits per semester, typically 15-16 credits. Full-time study for an MPP student working 20 hours per week is 9 credits per semester: 12-15 credits if working fewer hours.

#### Assessment

MPP students will be assessed through their coursework on their (1) knowledge of the public policy-making process; (2) analytic skills to be used for policy analysis, evaluation, and decision support; (3) communication and interpersonal skills (including leadership and teamwork) for working with diverse populations in and out of government; and (4) an ethical foundation for conducting professional policy research from a public-service perspective, such as outlined in the American Society for Public Administration's Code of Ethics.<sup>3</sup> Students will be expected to demonstrate and integrate all four knowledge and skill areas in their internship placement and capstone experiences.

#### Retention

BSPA follows university policies on student retention and degree progress, which require graduate students maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).<sup>4</sup> At the end of each academic year, the MPP program director reviews the performance of all students in the program. In cases of substandard performance, actions are initiated in accord with general University guidelines regarding warning, probation, and termination. A decision to recommend to the Office of Graduate Studies to terminate a student requires the review and confirmation of the majority of the BSPA faculty.

 $<sup>^3\</sup> https://www.aspanet.org/ASPA/About-ASPA/Code-of-Ethics/ASPA/Code-of-Ethics/Code-of-Ethics.aspx$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> http://grad.udel.edu/policies/graduate-academic-policies/#gpa

#### **PART V: FINANCIAL AID**

Financial aid is available to MPP students in the form of graduate assistantships, research assistantships, tuition scholarships as well as University graduate scholar awards and other fellowships. The primary type of aid awarded are research assistantships (RAs) provided to those working on public service or research projects in one of the BSPA affiliated centers, or other University office. Detailed information on financial aid options, along with the applicable application processes and funding policies are available on the BSPA website (https://www.bidenschool.udel.edu/masters-programs/tuition-support-scholarships) Awards are competitive and based on both merit and other BSPA objectives.

Applications and nominations for financial aid for new students are generated by the MPP admissions committee when reviewing the Supplementary Information Form submitted as part of the application packet. These are transmitted as recommendations to the director of the MPP program and, in turn, to the School director for final disposition. Funding commitments are made through consultation between the MPP director, the School director, the directors of BSPA affiliated centers and faculty who provide graduate stipend support.

All MPP students, including '4+1' MPP students, are eligible for all degree-appropriate financial aid. This includes the possibility of tuition scholarships and graduate assistantships during the 5th year for '4+1' MPP students.

#### PART VI: PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

The MPP program is reviewed regularly by the MPP program director, the School director, and BSPA faculty and staff to assure that the program is meeting its objectives and effectively serving the students.

#### PART VII. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

All MPP students must follow all expectations of students in the BSPA and the university at large. For '4+1' students, this includes the expectations of the faculty and College in their undergraduate major. Any questions should be directed to the MPP program director or Biden School administrative staff in 184 Graham Hall.

# **Appendix: Sample Sequences**

## Sample sequence for students in BA-AFRA-MPP program

Year 1, Fall:	Year 1, Spring:	Year 2, Fall:	Year 2, Spring:
16 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits
AFRA110 (3cr)	UAPP110 (3cr)	UAPP225 (3cr)	AFRA Major Req. (3cr)
AFRA/HIST134 (3cr)	Language (3cr)	AFRA Major Req. (3cr)	AFRA Con. Req. (3cr)
Math (3cr)	AFRA Major Req. (3cr)	AFRA Con. Req. (3cr)	UAPP325 (3cr)
Language (3cr)	UNI or COLL Req. (6cr)	UNI or COLL Req. (6cr)	UNI or COLL Req. (6cr)
ENGL110 (3cr)			
FYE (1cr)			+3-6cr winter or summer Year 2
Year 3, Fall	Year 3, Spring:	Year 4, Fall:	Year 4, Spring:
15 credits	15 credits	16 credits	12 credits
AFRA Con. Req. (3cr)	UAPP701 (3cr)*	UAPP691 (3cr)*	UAPP704 (3cr)*
UNI or COLL Req. [i.e.,	AFRA Con. Req. (3cr)	UAPP707 (3cr)*	UAPP693 (3cr)*
2nd writing] (12cr)	UNI or COLL Req. or Free	AFRA 391 (4cr)	AFRA490(3cr)
	electives (9cr)	UNI or COLL Req. or	UNI or COLL Req. or Free
(Apply to BA-MPP program)		Free electives (6cr)	electives (3cr)
	+3-6cr winter or summer Year 3		
			(BA-AFRA LPPSJ degree with Minor in Public Policy awarded)
Year 5, Fall:	Year 5, Spring:		innier in r. dane r. eney diridi dedij
12 credits	12 credits		
UAPP702 (3cr)	UAPP714 (6cr)		
UAPP709 (3cr)	Extra methods or MPP		
UAPP684 (3cr)	elective (6cr)		
Extra methods or MPP			
elective (3cr)	+3-6cr winter or		
	summer Years 4-5		
	(MPP degree awarded)		

<sup>\*</sup> suggested "double-counted" courses - to be confirmed on the graduate plan of study, as required by the Graduate College

# Sample sequence for students in BA-ECON-MPP program

Senior Year, Fall Semester (9 Credits)	Senior Year, Spring Semester (6 Credits)	Summer	Plus 1 Year, Fall Semester 15 Credits	Plus 1 Year, Spring Semester 12 Credits
UAPP701 Public Policy (3 Credits)	SPPA704 as an Econ Elective (3 Credits)	UNIV554 Internship	UAPP684 Performance Management (3 Credits)	IIADD714 Policy
UAPP702 Research Methods (3 Credits)	UAPP707 Public Policy Analysis (3 Credits)		Additional Research Tools or Policy Elective to replace credits from UAPP693 (3 Credits)	UAPP714 Policy Studio (6 Credits)
UAPP 709 as an Econ Elective (3 Credits)			9 credits in Additional Methods or Policy Electives, one of which comes from credits for waiving UAPP 691	Policy Elective (3 Credits)
				Additional Methods or Policy Elective (3 Credits)

Notes: Students would have the option to take courses during Winter Semester of their"+1" year to reduce their course load during Fall or Spring.

# Sample Sequence for students in BS-ECON-MPP students

Senior Year, Fall Semester (9 Credits)	Senior Year, Spring Semester (6 Credits)	Summer	Plus 1 Year, Fall Semester 15 Credits	Plus 1 Year, Spring Semester 12 Credits
UAPP701 Public Policy (3 Credits)	SPPA704 as an Econ Elective (3 Credits)	UNIV554 Internship	UAPP684 Performance Management (3 Credits)	UAPP714 Policy
UAPP702 Research Methods (3 Credits)	UAPP707 Public Policy Analysis (3 Credits)		Additional Research Tools or Policy Elective to replace credits from UAPP693 (3 Credits)	Studio (6 Credits)
Graduate-level Methods Course as an Econ Elective (3 Credits) to replace SPPA704 requirement			9 credits in Additional Methods or Policy Electives, one of which comes from credits for waiving UAPP 691	Policy Elective (3 Credits)
				Additional Methods or Policy Elective (3 Credits)

Notes: Students would have the option to take courses during Winter Semester of their"+1" year to reduce their course load during Fall or Spring.

# Sample sequence for students in BA-MPP program

Year 1, Fall: 16 credits	Year 1, Spring: 15 credits	Year 2, Fall: 15 credits	Year 2, Spring: 15 credits
UAPP110 (3cr)	UAPP225 (3cr)	UAPP325 (3cr)	UAPP elective (3cr)
ENGL110 (3cr)	Language (3cr)	Breadth or Skills (12cr)	Breadth or Skills (12cr)
Math (3cr)	Breadth or Skills (9cr)	=15cr	=15cr
Language (3cr)	=15cr		
Breadth (3cr)			+3-6cr winter or summer Year 2
FYE (1cr)			
=16cr			
Year 3, Fall	Year 3, Spring:	Year 4, Fall:	Year 4, Spring:
15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	12 credits
UAPP elective (3cr)	UAPP701 (3cr)*	UAPP691 (3cr)*	SPPA704 (3cr)*
Breadth or skills [i.e.,	Breadth or skills or BA	UAPP707 (3cr)*	UAPP693 (3cr)*
2nd writing] (12cr)	electives (12cr)	UAPP300 (3cr)	UAPP440 (3cr)
=15cr	=15cr	Breadth or skills or BA	Breadth or skills or BA
		electives (6cr)	electives (3cr)
(Apply to BA-MPP program)	+3-6cr winter or summer Year 3	=15cr	=12cr
			(BA-PP degree awarded)
Year 5, Fall:	Year 5, Spring:		
12 credits	12 credits		
UAPP702 (3cr)	UAPP714 (6cr)		
UAPP709 (3cr)	Extra methods or MPP		
UAPP684 (3cr)	elective (6cr)		
Extra methods or MPP			
elective (3cr)	+3-6cr winter or		
	summer Years 4-5		
	(MPP degree awarded)		

<sup>\*</sup> suggested "double-counted" courses - to be confirmed on the graduate plan of study, as required by the Graduate College

# Sample sequence for students in BA-WOMS-MPP program

Year 1, Fall:	Year 1, Spring:	Year 2, Fall:	Year 2, Spring:
16 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits
WOMS 201 (3cr)	Language (3cr)	WOMS 200-level	WOMS 200-level Elective
Math (3cr)	WOMS 200 (3cr)	Elective (3cr)	(6cr)
Language (3cr)	Free Electives (6cr)	Language (3cr)	UAPP 325 as Free Electives
ENGL110 (3cr)	UAPP 110 as Breadth	UAPP 225 as Free	(3cr)
Breadth Requirement (3cr)	Requirement (3 Credits)	Elective (3cr)	Breadth Req., (6cr)
FYE (1cr)		Breadth Req. (6cr)	
Year 3, Fall	Year 3, Spring:	Year 4, Fall:	Year 4, Spring:
15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits
WOMS 300-level elective.	UAPP701 (3cr)*	UAPP691 (3cr)*	UAPP704 (3cr)*
(3cr)	WOMS 313 (satisfies 2 <sup>nd</sup>	UAPP693 (3cr)*	UAPP707 (3cr)*
Restricted WOMS	writing requirement) (3cr)	WOMS 300-level	Discovery Learning
Elective (3cr)	WOMS 300-level Elective	Elective (3cr)	Experience (3cr)
Free Electives (6cr)	Restricted WOMS Elective	Breadth Requirement	WOMS 410 (3cr)
Breadth Requirements	(3cr)	(3cr)	Free electives (3cr)
(3cr)	UNI or COLL Req. or Free	Free electives (3cr)	
	electives (6cr)		(BA degree with Minor in Public
(Apply to BA-MPP program)			Policy awarded)
	+3-6cr winter or summer Year 3 in Free Electives		
Year 5, Fall:	Year 5, Spring:		
12 credits	12 credits		
UAPP702 (3cr)	UAPP714 (6cr)		
UAPP709 (3cr)	Extra methods or MPP		
UAPP684 (3cr)	elective (6cr)		
Extra methods or MPP			
elective (3cr)	+3-6cr winter or		
	summer Years 4-5		
	(MPP degree awarded)		

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