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Master of Public Policy

The Public Policy program at the JKSSIS is committed to the development of tomorrow's policy leaders through an innovative core curriculum that emphasizes analytical, evidenced, and expertise-based solutions to contemporary policy issues. The graduate program in public policy, which offers the Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree, gives students the opportunity to identify, analyze, and solve challenging policy issues at urban, state, national, and global levels of governance.

Curriculum Overview:

Candidates must complete sixty (60) credit hours.

Degree Requirements:

1. Korbels Core – one course (4 credits):

- INTS 4090: Values-Based Leadership in International and Public Affairs (*offered each Winter quarter; take as late in the program as possible*)

2. Degree Core – four courses (16 credits):

It is highly recommended that students take these required degree courses in their first year in the MPP program to help prepare them for other courses, to keep them on track for completion, and to integrate them in their cohort. PPOL 4200 and PPOL 4400 are typically offered in the Fall; while PPOL 4500, INTS 4349, and INTS 4750 are typically offered in the Winter.

- PPOL 4200 – Microeconomics for Public Policy
- PPOL 4400 – Intro to Policy Analysis
- PPOL 4500 – Cost Benefit Analysis
- Politics of Policy (choose one):
 - INTS 4349 – Comparative Public Policy and Finance
 - INTS 4750 – The Policy-Making Process

3. Skills (12 credits):

Upon consultation with the Degree Director, you may be able to take other courses to fulfil the skills requirements. Please consult the skills page in Portfolio for a full schedule of skills classes: <https://portfolio.du.edu/korbelgradskills>.

- Research Methods (choose two):
 - INTS 4050 – Statistical Methods I
 - INTS 4051 – Statistical Methods II*
 - INTS 4057 – Statistics for International Affairs**
 - INTS 4058 – Applied Time Series Analysis
 - INTS 4059 – R and Python
 - INTS 4632 – Qualitative Research Methods
 - INTS 4964 – Political Risk Analysis

* Prerequisite: INTS 4050 – Statistical Methods I

** Students may take INTS 4057 – Statistics for International Affairs (which combines Stats I and Stats II), instead of INTS 4051 – Statistical Methods II, if they have a strong quantitative background. This is a fast-paced course and combines what is taught in Statistics I and Statistics II, so only take INTS 4057 if you are confident in your ability to keep up in such an environment.

- Mini Skills Modules (choose two):
 - PPOL 4702 – Special Topics in Public Policy Skills (2 credits each)

While not an exhaustive list of options, the following 2-credit skills topics are recommended:

- One-Page Briefs and Memos
- Professional Negotiation
- Supporting Social Movements
- International Project Monitoring and Evaluation
- Small Team Leadership
- Design for Project Evaluation
- Data Visualization with Tableau

4. Specialization – three courses (12 credits):

Each student creates a specialization area by completing at least three courses that are linked thematically. Specializations may center on an issue, region, or skill set. Students have considerable latitude in the design of their selected specialization area, including taking courses at other DU schools where appropriate, but must have the specialization courses approved by the Public Policy degree director. Students choosing to complete a graduate Certificate may use three of those Certificate classes to form a specialization.

Popular options include: Sustainability, Energy & the Environment; Social Policy; Education Policy; Business & Government; International Security; Democracy, Human Rights & Social Justice; Economic Development; Global Health; and International Trade and Finance.

5. Experiential Learning (12–16 credits):

- PPOL 4250 – Hacking for Good (*this course is offered in the Interterm period between Fall and Winter; students should plan to take it in their second year in the program*)
- PPOL 4350 – The Policy Lab (*this course is offered each Spring quarter; students should plan to take it in their first year in the program*)
- PPOL 4981 – Internship (0 or 4 credits)
- PPOL 4950 – Policy Memorandum (*students will work on this capstone analytical product over the course of their second year in the program*)

6. Electives: quantity will depend on remaining number of credits needed to reach the minimum requirement of **60 credits**.

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