

2022 – 2023

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 and/or Spring.

- 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 I&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):

Specializations are sets of three courses full credit courses (12 credit hours) that a student takes within their degree that are centered on a common topic, region, or degree relevant methods and must be approved by the degree director. Korbel specializations are open specializations, which is to say that they are totally customizable and can be drawn from any and all eligible University of Denver graduate courses. The key is that they must be approved on submission for graduation by a student's degree director and students are encouraged to engage their degree director early in the process on what are approvable sets of courses. Specializations do not go on transcripts, so it is possible to organize courses into more than one set of three, but for completion of degree requirement purposes, only one specialization is submitted as such on your program statement. Students who participate in a Korbel Certificate will put three of their certificate courses in their specialization and the other three in electives to fit the certificate within the 60 credit hours associated with their degree requirements. For more information on Specializations, see the Specializations section of the Korbel MA Handbook.

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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