

Master of Public Policy 4+1 Advising

(Matriculated Fall 2013 or later)

The Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree is a rigorous, professional program rooted in critical analysis of issues and applied economics. Students write a comprehensive Policy Memorandum (capstone), which spans the entirety of their last year in the program. The successful policy student is passionate about formulating solutions to the nation's most challenging issues, is articulate and well-written, and has adequate quantitative abilities.

Public Policy majors, as well as four other relevant majors, are eligible to apply.

ELIGIBILITY

Undergraduates majoring in either:

- Criminology
- Economics
- Political Science
- Public Policy
- Sociology

PREREQUISITE:

Students must have taken, or be currently enrolled in, one of the two accepted classes at the time of application:

PPOL 3230 – Analytical and Critical Skills **OR**
PLSC 2901 – Political Inquiry

Note: *PPOL 3230 is currently offered once a year, during Spring quarter*

FINANCIAL AID

All students are encouraged to visit the Office of Financial Aid to learn more about their individual aid package and how it may be affected. For most students, the financial aid they have received throughout their first three years will continue on through their fourth year. In the student's fifth year, or as soon as all undergraduate requirements are completed (whichever comes first), they would technically become a graduate student and would then only be eligible for graduate aid. Typically, graduate aid includes minimal scholarships, but expanded loans.

4+1 students may be eligible to apply for a scholarship through the Korbel Office of Graduate Enrollment exclusively for their fifth year. Scholarships would be awarded through the MPP admissions process.

ADMISSIONS

Students apply during their junior year; applications are due no later than February 1st.

4+1 applicants are afforded the same consideration and held to the same standards as traditional applicants

Admissions requirements:

- GRE exam (recommended to consider taking this before going abroad)
- General graduate application (online)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- Application fee

Details are online: www.du.edu/korbel/admission/

COURSEWORK

The MPP degree requires 60 credits of graduate coursework, 14 of which “double count” as undergraduate credits. For Criminology, Economics, Political Science, and Sociology majors, this reduces the number of undergraduate general elective credits required. Public Policy majors may reduce the number of major elective credits required, essentially reducing the major elective credit requirements to four.

It is normal for students to still have undergraduate coursework to complete in their fourth year. Some end up having a class or two to finish in their fifth year, but most are able to complete it in their fourth year. Once all undergraduate work is complete, a BA will be awarded.

All core MPP courses are offered in the evenings, to allow students to gain policy experience during the day.

4+1 SAMPLE COURSEPLAN

Fourth Year

** Highlighted courses must be taken in the designated quarters, and may cross-count as general undergraduate electives*

** Courses not highlighted may be taken in the fifth year instead*

Course	Description	Quarter	Credits
PPOL 4200	Microeconomics for Public Policy	Fall	4
PPOL 4501/2	Great Issues Forum	Fall	2
PPOL 4100	American Systems of Public Policy	Winter	4
PPOL 4300	Quantitative Methods	Winter	4
PPOL 4501/2	Great Issues Forum	Winter	2
PPOL 4500	Cost Benefit Analysis	Spring	4
PPOL xxxx	Elective	Spring	4
PPOL 4501/2	Great Issues Forum	Spring	2
TOTAL:			26
TOTAL REQ'D:			14

Fifth Year

Course	Description	Quarter	Credits
PPOL xxxx	Elective	Fall	4
PPOL xxxx	Elective	Fall	4
PPOL 4501/2	Great Issues Forum	Fall	2
PPOL 4700	Public Management and Budgeting	Winter	4
PPOL xxxx	Elective	Winter	4
PPOL 4995	Policy Memorandum Research	Winter	4
PPOL 4501/2	Great Issues Forum	Winter	2
PPOL 4600	Regulatory Policy	Spring	4
PPOL xxxx	Elective	Spring	4
PPOL 4501/2	Great Issues Forum	Spring	2
TOTAL:			34

For more advising assistance, students are encouraged to contact Debbie Gaylinn in the Korbel Office of Academic and Student Affairs, at 303-871-3400 or debbie.gaylinn@du.edu