

Program Overview

The University of Utah Master of Public Policy program provides students with the skills and expertise needed to be successful in the public policy analysis field. The MPP program is designed to develop skills in policy analysis and reflects the variety and interdisciplinary nature of public policy issues. The MPP seeks to balance economic and political approaches to policy analysis. With a solid foundation in theory, analysis and evaluation courses and the ability to select from a range of interdisciplinary emphases, you will graduate from the program qualified to analyze and evaluate public policy in a variety of fields.

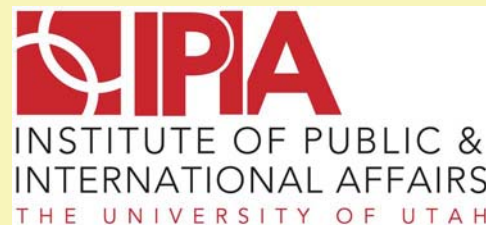
The MPP is designed for both employed practitioners and full-time students who want to deepen their understanding of the policy process, better analyze policy options, and rigorously evaluate the effects of public policy.

Location

The University of Utah is situated in Salt Lake City, Utah, an ideal western location for those interested in urban and rural policy issues. Located on a beautiful campus surrounded by the Wasatch Mountains, The University of Utah offers a stimulating academic atmosphere in a location that affords easy access to major political and business centers.



The MPP is administered through the Institute of Public and International Affairs and the Center for Public Policy and Administration at The University of Utah and the degree is granted by the College of Social and Behavioral Science.



Master of Public Policy at The University of Utah



“Thank you for your interest in the Master of Public Policy Program at The University of Utah”



If you are seeking to shape public policy and the democratic tradition, The University of Utah MPP offers many opportunities for learning, research, professional development, and public engagement. Our curriculum is designed to provide you with the analytical, methodological, and statistical skills desired to undertake needs assessments, analyze policy alternatives, and evaluate the effectiveness of public policies.

The faculty are committed to excellence and have both academic and practical experience dealing with a wide range of policy topics (e.g., family policy, health policy, environmental policy). Their range of methodological experience includes work related to needs assessments, program development, policy analysis, and policy evaluation at the local, state, and national level. The faculty’s extensive policy-related experiences translate into rich classroom settings where you will learn how to use cutting-edge social science approaches to tackle real-world, public policy questions.

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Cathleen Zick, Ph.D. MPP Program Director

Look ahead to success

The University of Utah Master of Public Policy *will...*

Help you build a solid foundation of practical skills and knowledge that you can apply to real policy challenges.

Sharpen your skills in analysis and deepen your knowledge base about the policymaking process.

Provide you with the knowledge to craft effective and practical solutions to real world policy challenges in a personal, attentive academic environment.

Allow you to specialize in one of eight exciting policy areas.



Learn at your own pace

The MPP program is an interdisciplinary two-year full-time, or four-year part-time degree comprised of:

- 8 core courses
- 2 methods/statistics courses, and
- 3 courses from a specific policy-related emphasis area, for a total of 40 semester credit hours.



In addition to core policy and analytical methods training, this program allows you to gain knowledge in a specific policy-related area:

- **Family and Social Welfare Policy** (with an option to complete a graduate certificate in Demography)
- **Health Policy**
- **Community Policy**
- **Environmental Policy**
- **International Context of Public Policy**
- **Education Policy**
- **Economic Policy**
- **Urban Affairs Policy** (with a graduate certificate in Urban Planning)

Start the process

- No specific background or undergraduate major is required.
- Admission is selective.
- Decisions are based on evaluation of the applicant's overall academic record including undergraduate transcripts, GRE scores, three letters of recommendation, a personal statement of purpose, and a resume describing relevant work, community, and extracurricular experiences.

Prerequisites for the MPP include:

- Introductory statistics
- Introductory microeconomics
- U.S. national government

Students are admitted to the MPP program for the fall semester, which starts in late August.

Applicants must:

- Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Establish eligibility for admission to graduate standing at The University of Utah.
- Obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (B) in all upper division courses.
- Submit all MPP application materials.

Apply now

Each applicant is required to submit the following items before the application can be considered complete. Additional details and forms are available online at <http://www.mpp.utah.edu>.

By February 1:

- **U of U Application** for Graduate Admission.
- Official **Transcripts** of all undergraduate and graduate course work.

By March 1:

- **MPP Supplemental Application.**
- **GRE or Other Standardized Test Score.** The GRE is the preferred test for admission to the MPP program. The MAT, LSAT and GMAT are acceptable.

• **Statement of Purpose** (career and education goals). This is also used as a writing sample.

• **Three Academic/ Professional Recommendations** using the MPP form. (References should be academic and professional recommendations.)

• **Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV).**

The TOEFL is required of students for whom English is a second language.

We are here to help you successfully complete your application.

Please contact us with questions:
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