

## ***Why Transportation Policy, Operations, and Logistics?***

Effective transportation policy strengthens communities and global competitiveness. The **Master of Arts in Transportation Policy, Operations, and Logistics (TPOL)** will train you in the advanced theory, policy, law, research, and practices required to effectively and efficiently supply and operate transportation facilities and services. You will learn to think critically and analytically about the challenges and opportunities in the transportation field, and to communicate your analysis clearly through written and oral presentations. Graduates of the TPOL program hold influential positions at all levels of government, and in the transportation and consulting industries.

### ***Program Director – Dr. Laurie A. Schintler***

A complete list of Schar School faculty and their CVs can be found at <http://schar.gmu.edu/faculty>.

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## ***Curriculum Requirements***

The Transportation Policy, Operations, and Logistics master's program requires **35 credit hours** of coursework.

### ***Required TPOL Core Courses (26 credits)***

- **PUBP 500** Theory and Practice in Public Policy: Theories of public policy emphasizing both the historical intellectual development of the discipline and the role that theory and ethics may be expected to play in public policy making. (3 credits)
- **PUBP 503** Culture, Organization and Technology: Examines the influence of culture in societal, political, economic and technological processes, nationally and internationally. (3 credits)
- **PUBP 715** Introduction to Transportation Systems: This course examines the history and development of transportation systems, their contribution to and impact on society, the institutions and practices that govern their planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance, and retirement from service. (3 credits)
- **PUBP 716** Transportation Operations and Logistics: This course provides a survey of freight logistics issues, methods, problems, and strategies. (3 credits)
- **PUBP 717** Analysis for Transportation Managers: This course introduces basic methods of transportation analysis and evaluation relating them to policy and applying quantitative methods to relevant management problems. (4 credits)
- **PUBP 718** Transportation Planning and Policy: This course is an introduction to highway, rail, air, and water transport planning in the United States. (3 credits)
- **PUBP 721** Transportation Economics: Provides a basis for understanding the economics of the transport system and how transportation relates to urban and regional development. (3 credits)
- **PUBP 722** Practicum in Transportation Policy, Operations, and Logistics: Engages students in an in-depth field study of ongoing transportation policy, operations, or logistics situations. (3 credits)

### ***Elective Coursework (9 credits)***

Students will complete elective courses chosen in consultation with their academic advisor.

## Admissions Information

For admission consideration to the Transportation Policy, Operations, and Logistics master's program, applicants must hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited university or college.

Application Deadlines	FALL TERM	SPRING TERM
Domestic Students	May 1	December 1
International Students*	May 1	November 1
For Priority Scholarship Consideration	February 1	November 1

\*For admission purposes, please adhere to the International Student Deadlines if you have completed your undergraduate and/or graduate degree outside of the United States.

## Application Requirements

Please visit <https://schar.gmu.edu/how-to-apply> for more information.

- Graduate Application and application fee.** The Graduate Application can be completed online at: <https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now>
- A 750-1000 word **written statement** of the applicant's goals for and interest in the program
- A current **resume**
- Unofficial transcript(s)** from all university work  
*Applicants presenting international credentials must provide transcripts, degree certificates or diplomas, and certified translations of the documents into English (if applicable)*
- Two letters of recommendation**  
*At least one letter of recommendation should be from an academic resource*

\***Please note:** ALL applicants seeking consideration for **merit-based scholarships** from the Schar School of Policy and Government are required to submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.

## Additional criteria for International Applicants:

- TOEFL/IELTS scores** (required for international applicants)  
Minimum required TOEFL scores: 88 with a 20 in each of the four subsections **OR**  
Minimum required IELTS score: 6.5 total

## Financial Aid

To apply for federal assistance, applicants are required to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form which can be accessed online at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. For other questions regarding federal assistance, please visit the Office of Student Financial Aid at: <http://financialaid.gmu.edu/>.

## Tuition and Fees for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

In-State Total: \$870.75/credit hour  
Out-of-State Total: \$1,658.75/credit hour

\*2018-19 Academic Year

## Transportation Policy, Operations & Logistics, MA (TPOL) Graduates:

