

# Master of Public Policy (MPP)

For Students admitted Fall 2015 – Spring 2016:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ G#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prerequisite:** Date Stats Screening Exam Passed: \_\_\_\_\_ **Emphasis:** Required: \_\_\_\_\_

### Core Coursework – 15 credits

Course # / Title	Semester	✓
PUBP 500 – Theory and Practice in Public Policy <i>(Gateway course: Required in the first semester)</i>		
PUBP 503 – Culture, Organization, and Technology		
PUBP 511 – Statistical Methods in Policy Analysis <i>(Prerequisite: Passing grade on statistical screening exam*)</i>		
ITRN 503 – Macroeconomic Policy in the Global Economy		

### Choose ONE of the following Methods/Analytics Core courses:

*Prerequisite: PUBP 511 - Statistical Methods in Policy Analysis*

- PUBP 705 – Adv. Statistical Methods for Policy Research
- PUBP 713 – Policy and Program Evaluation
- PUBP 754 – GIS and Spatial Analysis for Public Policy

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### Advanced Core Coursework – 6 credits

PUBP 720 – Managerial Economics and Policy Analysis <i>(Prerequisite: PUBP 555-Economics Math Workshop)</i>		
PUBP 741 – U.S. Financial Policy Processes and Procedures <i>(Prerequisite: PUBP 720- Managerial Economics and Policy Analysis)</i>		

### Emphasis or Elective courses – 15 credits

Course # / Title <i>(these may include Study Abroad programs)</i>	Semester	✓

### Professional Internship – 3 credits

*(may be waived, upon approval)*

Course # / Title	Semester	✓

**MPP PROGRAM CREDIT TOTAL: 36** *(with approved internship waiver)* **OR 39** *(with completed internship)*

## MPP Advising Notes

For registration assistance and PatriotWeb step-by-step instructions, consult the *SPGIA Students Guide to PatriotWeb*: <http://spgia.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Students-Guide-to-PatriotWeb.pdf>

### Full-time vs. Part-time:

- Full-time students must be enrolled in a minimum of nine credits (three courses) per semester. Full-time MPP students typically complete the program in two academic years.
- Part-time students typically enroll in six credits (two courses) per semester and complete the MPP program in three academic years.

### Suggested Course Sequence:

- All students should plan to take PUBP 500: Theory and Practice in Public Policy during their first semester (no later than the second semester).
- All students should plan to take PUBP 511 in their first two semesters in the program.
- \*To enroll in 511, students must complete a statistics screening exam. Exams can be taken during a scheduled exam date or completed at the conclusion of the Statistics Workshop (optional). The screening exam can be taken multiple times. If you do not pass the first time, you are welcome to retake it on another test date or register for the workshop. There is no cost associated with the screening exam. For more information, please visit: [spgia.gmu.edu/511](http://spgia.gmu.edu/511).
- PUBP 511 - Statistical Methods in Policy Analysis is a prerequisite for all Methods/Analytics core courses.
- Elective courses (those comprising the area of emphasis) should not be taken until a student has completed a minimum of nine credits (three courses) of required coursework.
- It is strongly recommended that all or most of the required core coursework be completed prior to a student participating in an internship.
- Please note: A few core courses are typically offered in the summer term.
- All students must complete PUBP 555: Economics Math Workshop before taking PUBP 720: Managerial Economics and Policy Analysis.
- PUBP 720: Managerial Economics and Policy Analysis is a prerequisite for U.S. Financial Policy Processes and Procedures. Both PUBP 720 and 741 are considered advanced core courses and should be completed in the second year of the MPP program.

### Study Abroad Opportunities:

- Any SPGIA-sponsored study abroad course may count as an elective toward *any* area of emphasis.
- Unless prior written permission is obtained, students may apply only one study abroad course (three credits) toward graduation. For more information, please visit: [abroad.gmu.edu](http://abroad.gmu.edu)

### Professional Internship:

- Students with less than two years of public policy oriented work experience are required to complete a professional internship. A waiver of this requirement must be explicitly requested via: [http://policy.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/PDFs/Academic\\_Policies\\_and\\_Forms/internshipwaiverpacket.pdf](http://policy.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/PDFs/Academic_Policies_and_Forms/internshipwaiverpacket.pdf)
- International students should not wait until their last term to complete an internship for academic credit. Obtaining an internship is not guaranteed. As an internship is required for the MPP program, the inability to complete this requirement before graduation could jeopardize degree completion and visa status.

### Academic Requirements:

- Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average to graduate.
- Students may apply up to six credits of "C" toward graduation.
- A student is terminated from SPGIA if he/she receives a grade of "F" in a single course and/or a grade of "C" in nine or more credits.
- Students must complete all MPP requirements within *six years* of the date of initial enrollment as a degree-seeking student.

### Areas of Emphasis/Elective Courses:

- Students may choose one of emphasis areas listed below. With prior written approval from the academic advisor, students have the option to design their own emphasis area.
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o International Governance and Institutions</li> <li>o National Security and Public Policy</li> <li>o US Government Institutions and Policy Management</li> <li>o Regional Economic Development</li> <li>o Social Policy</li> <li>o Science and Technology Policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Transportation Policy</li> <li>o Global Medical and Health Policy</li> <li>o Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption</li> <li>o Urban Policy and Development</li> <li>o Public Finance and Budgeting</li> </ul>
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- Of the five elective courses comprising the area of emphasis, *at least one* must have an international focus.
- Elective courses should not be taken until a student has completed a minimum of nine credits of required coursework. Elective courses are offered year round (fall, spring and summer) but not every section is offered every semester.
- **All non-SPGIA courses have to be pre-approved by your academic advisor before registering. Students can enroll in up to two electives (including consortium courses) outside of SPGIA, with prior approval.** PhD level courses and/or foreign language courses are *not* permissible elective options.

- Based upon a review of academic transcripts, MPP students may be required to take PUBP 730: US National Policy Systems & Theory and/or PUBP 570: Policy Writing Fundamentals as part their emphasis electives.  
 - Additionally, all MPP students will take a writing assessment during the introductory PUBP 500 course. Based on this assessment, students may be required to take PUBP 570 to strengthen their writing skills.

**Areas of Emphasis/Elective Courses (cont.):**

- Please see the list below for examples of the types of SPGIA elective courses that can be used to fulfill each emphasis area.
- SPGIA "special topics" courses are noted as PUBP 710 or ITRN 701. Students may take multiple special topics courses as long as the titles are different and the course is relevant to the chosen emphasis area.
- Please note: this is NOT an all-inclusive course inventory. Rather, this list is provided to illustrate the kind of electives SPGIA typically offers. Any student interested in an elective course not listed below should contact his/her advisor for prior approval. Approval is contingent upon the relevance of the selected course to the student's emphasis area.

**International Governance & Institutions**

PUBP 710 Special Topics in Public Policy - topics vary

*Examples of approved 710 courses:*

- Globalization, Info. Technology and Public Policy
- Transnational Crime and Corruption
- PUBP 751 International Police Operations
- PUBP 783 Global Governance
- ITRN 602 Intl. Financial Institutions and Globalization
- ITRN 603 International Trade Relations
- ITRN 701 Special Topics in ICP
- ITRN 712 WTO and Global Trade
- ITRN 752 Global Business and Policy
- ITRN 761 European Political and Economic Union

**National Security & Public Policy**

PUBP 710 Special Topics in Public Policy

*Examples of approved 710 courses:*

- WMD Arms Control Policy
- Human Smuggling/Trafficking
- PUBP 650 Peace Operations I
- PUBP 651 Peace Operations II
- PUBP 742 Transportation Safety and Security
- PUBP 743 National Security Management and Policy
- PUBP 750 History of Military Ops. Other than War
- PUBP 751 International Police Operations
- PUBP 769 Political Violence and Terrorism
- PUBP 755 National Security Decision-Making Policy
- PUBP 771 Grand Strategy
- ITRN 701 Special Topics in ICP

**US Government Institutions & Policy Mgmt.**

PUBP 710 Special Topics in Public Policy

*Examples of approved 710 courses:*

- National/Regional Economic Policy Trends
- Civil Rights Policymaking and Enforcement
- PUBP 730 US National Political Systems and Theory
- PUBP 737 Cases and Concepts in E Government
- PUBP 743 National Security Management and Policy
- PUBP 753 Ethics in Public Policy
- PUBP 762 Social Institutions and Public Policy
- ITRN 701 Special Topics in ICP
- ITRN 761 European Political and Economic Union

**Social Policy**

PUBP 710 Special Topics in Public Policy

*Examples of approved 710 courses:*

- Higher Education Policy
- Gender, Class and Race in Policy Action
- PUBP 650 Peace Operations I
- PUBP 762 Social Institutions and Public Policy
- PUBP 768 Edu. Policy: Process, Context, and Politics
- ITRN 701 Special Topics in ICP

**Regional Economic Development**

PUBP 710 Special Topics in Public Policy

*Examples of approved 710 courses:*

- Globalization, Info. Technology and Public Policy
- US and Global Trade
- PUBP 723 Metropolitan Transportation Policy
- ITRN 701 Special Topics in ICP
- ITRN 718 Global Economics and Human Development
- ITRN 740 ABC's of Importing/Exporting
- ITRN 761 European Political/Economic Union
- ITRN 767 Political Economics/Integration of Latin America

**Science & Technology Policy**

PUBP 710 Special Topics in Public Policy

*Examples of approved 710 courses:*

- International Sustainable Energy Policy
- Climate Change Policy

PUBP 726 Telecommunication Policy

PUBP 754 GIS and Spatial Analysis in Public Policy

PUBP 760 Science & Tech. Policy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

PUBP 777 Critical Info. Technology Infrastructures

ITRN 701 Special Topics in ICP

ITRN 772 International Telecommunications

**Transportation Policy**

PUBP 721 Transportation Economics

PUBP 723 Metropolitan Transportation Policy

PUBP 725 International Transportation Logistics

PUBP 742 Transportation Safety and Security

PUBP 747 Air Transportation Policy

PUBP 748 Public Transportation Policy

PUBP 754 GIS and Spatial Analysis in Public Policy

ITRN 701 Special Topics in ICP

**Global Medical & Health Policy**

For this emphasis area, students are required to complete the following two courses:

PUBP 757 Public Pol. in Global Health & Med. Practice

- Fall only

PUBP 758 Global Threats and Medical Policy – Spring only

Students can choose their additional two courses from the following list:

HAP 542 Health Policy

HAP 586 Process Improvement in Health Services

HAP 609 Comparative International Health Systems

HAP 678 Introduction to U.S. Health System

HAP 706 Integrated Health Services

PUBP 650 Peace Operations I

**Public Finance & Budgeting**

ITRN 701 Special Topics in ICP

*Examples of approved 701 courses:*

- Trade, Investment and Financial Issues in Asia

ITRN 602 Intl. Financial Institutions & Globalization

ITRN 710 Finance and Investment

**Terrorism, Transnational Crime & Corruption**

PUBP 710 Special Topics in Public Policy

*Examples of approved 710 courses:*

- Non-traditional Security Threats

- Intl. Migration, Global Gov., & the Knowledge Economy

PUBP 755 National Security Decision-making Policy

PUBP 751 International Police Operations

PUBP 763 Illicit Trade

PUBP 764 Transnational Crime and Corruption

PUBP 765 Human Smuggling and Trafficking

PUBP 766 Modern Counterinsurgency

**Urban Policy Development**

PUBP 710 Special Topics in Public Policy

*Examples of approved 710 courses:*

- Higher Education Policy

- Housing/Community Development Policy

PUBP 723 Metropolitan Transportation Policy

PUBP 733 Urban Politics and Policy

PUBP 748 Public Trans., Policy, Operations & Logistics

PUBP 755 National Security Decision-Making Policy