Master of Public Policy (MPP)
For Students admitted **Fall 2013 to Present:**

| Student name: ______________________________ | G#: ______________________________ |

**Gateway Course - 4 credits**

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**SPGI A Common Core - 4 Credits**

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**Required Policy Core - 13 credits**

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*Students must complete PUBP 555: Economics Math Workshop before taking this course.

**Methods/Analytics Core - 3 credits - Choose 1 of the following courses:**

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**Area of Emphasis/Electives - 15 credits**

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**Professional Internship - 3 credits (May be waived, upon approval)**

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**MPP PROGRAM CREDIT TOTAL:** **39** (with approved internship waiver) or **42** (with completed internship)
MPP Advising Notes

Full-time vs. Part-time:
- Full-time students must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 credits (3 courses) per semester. Full-time MPP students typically complete the program in two academic years.
- Part-time students typically enroll in two courses per semester and complete the MPP program in three academic years.

Suggested Course Sequence:
- All students should plan to take PUBP 700: Theory and Practice in Public Policy during their first semester (no later than the second semester).
- Elective courses (those comprising the area of emphasis) should not be taken until a student has completed a minimum of 11-12 credits 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: Core courses are typically not offered in the summer term (only electives are offered).
- All students must complete PUBP 555: Economics Math Workshop before taking PUBP 720: Managerial Economics and Policy Analysis.

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 (3 credits) toward graduation.

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
- 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 this 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 from the following areas of emphasis:
  - International Governance and Institutions
  - National Security and Public Policy
  - US Government Institutions and Policy Management
  - Regional Economic Development
  - Social Policy
  - Science and Technology Policy
  - Transportation Policy
  - Global Medical and Health Policy
  - Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption
  - Urban Policy and Development
  - Public Finance and Budgeting
- Of the four 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 11-12 credits of required coursework.
- With prior written approval from an advisor, students may design their own area of emphasis.
- 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.
- 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 and Theory) as one of their emphasis electives.

Additionally, all MPP students will take a writing assessment during the introductory PUBP 700 course. Based on this assessment, students may be required to take PUBP 570 (Policy Writing Fundamentals) as one of their emphasis electives.
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 types 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 AND INSTITUTIONS

PUBP 710  Special Topics in Public Policy - topics will vary by semester

Examples of approved 710 courses:
- Globalization, Information Technology and Public Policy
- Transnational Crime and Corruption

PUBP 751 International Police Operations

PUBP 783 Global Governance

ITRN 602 International Financial Institutions and Globalization

ITRN 603 International Trade Relations

ITRN 701 Special Topics in ICP - courses will vary by semester and must be approved by advisor in advance

ITRN 712 WTO and Global Trade

ITRN 752 Global Business and Policy

ITRN 761 European Political and Economic Union

NATIONAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC POLICY

PUBP 710  Special Topics in Public Policy - topics will vary by semester

Examples of approved 710 courses:
- WMD Arms Control Policy
- Human Smuggling/Trafficking
- Nontraditional Security Threats

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 Operations 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 - courses will vary by semester and must be approved by advisor in advance

US GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND POLICY MANAGEMENT

PUBP 710  Special Topics in Public Policy - topics will vary by semester

Examples of approved 710 courses:
- National/Regional Economic Policy Trends
- US Election Administrative Policy
- Congressional Politics and Policy
- 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 - courses will vary by semester and must be approved by advisor in advance

ITRN 761 European Political and Economic Union

SOCIAL POLICY

PUBP 710  Special Topics in Public Policy - topics will vary by semester

Examples of approved 710 courses:
- Higher Education Policy
- Gender, Class and Race in Policy Action
• Housing/Community Development Policy

PUBP 650  Peace Operations I
PUBP 762  Social Institutions and Public Policy
PUBP 768  Education Policy: Process, Context, and Politics
ITRN 701  Special Topics in ICP - courses will vary by semester and must be approved by advisor in advance

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PUBP 710  Special Topics in Public Policy - topics will vary by semester
Examples of approved 710 courses:
• Globalization, Informational Technology and Public Policy
• US and Global Trade
PUBP 723  Metropolitan Transportation Policy
ITRN 701  Special Topics in ICP - courses will vary by semester and must be approved by advisor in advance
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 AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
PUBP 710  Special Topics in Public Policy - topics will vary by semester
Examples of approved 710 courses:
• International Sustainable Energy Policy
• Climate Change Policy
PUBP 726  Telecommunication Policy
PUBP 723  Metropolitan Transportation Policy
PUBP 725  International Transportation Logistics
PUBP 742  Transportation Safety and Security
PUBP 746  Maritime Transportation Policy
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 - courses will vary by semester and must be approved by advisor in advance
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 746  Maritime Transportation Policy
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 - courses will vary by semester and must be approved by advisor in advance

GLOBAL MEDICAL AND HEALTH POLICY
For this emphasis area, students are required to complete the following two courses:
PUBP 757  Public Policy in Global Health and Medical Practice
PUBP 758  Global Threats and Medical Policy

Students can choose their additional two courses from the following list:
CONF 501  Introduction to Conflict Analysis and Resolution
HAP 512  Introduction to Health Services Research
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

TERRORISM, TRANSNATIONAL CRIME AND CORRUPTION
PUBP 710  Special Topics in Public Policy - topics will vary by semester
Examples of approved 710 courses:
• PUBP 710 Non-traditional Security Threats
• International Migration, Global Governance, and the Knowledge Economy
PUBP 759  National Security Law & Public Policy
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: Theory and Practice

**URBAN POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT**
PUBP 710 Special Topics in Public Policy - topics will vary by semester
  
  *Examples of approved 710 courses:*
  * Higher Education Policy
  * Housing/Community Development Policy

PUBP 723 Metropolitan Transportation Policy
PUBP 733 Urban Politics and Policy
PUBP 739 Media and Public Policy
PUBP 748 Public Transportation Policy, Operations and Logistics
PUBP 755 National Security Decision-Making Policy

**PUBLIC FINANCE AND BUDGETING**
ITRN 701 Special Topics in ICP - topics will vary by semester
  
  *Examples of approved 701 courses:*
  * Trade, Investment and Financial Issues in Asia

ITRN 602 International Financial Institutions & Globalization
ITRN 710 Finance and Investment