

## Master of Public Policy (MPP)

For Students admitted **Fall 2013 to Present:**

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ G#: \_\_\_\_\_

### Gateway Course – 4 credits

Course #/ Title	Semester	Credits	Grade
PUBP 700 – Theory and Practice in Public Policy		4	

### SPGIA Common Core – 4 Credits

Course #/ Title	Semester	Credits	Grade
PUBP 503 – Culture, Organization and Technology		4	

### Required Policy Core – 13 credits

Course #/ Title	Semester	Credits	Grade
PUBP 704 – Statistical Methods in Policy Analysis		3	
PUBP 720 – Managerial Economics and Policy Analysis*		3	
ITRN 503 – Macroeconomic Policy in the Global Economy <i>(Formerly titled: Investment and Macroeconomics)</i>		4	
PUBP 741 – U.S. Financial Policy Processes and Procedures <i>(Prerequisite PUBP 720 – Managerial Economics and Policy Analysis)</i>		3	

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

### Methods/Analytics Core – 3 credits – Choose 1 of the following courses:

Course #/ Title	Semester	Credits	Grade
PUBP 705 – Advanced Statistical Methods for Policy Research		3	
or PUBP 713 – Policy and Program Evaluation <i>(Prerequisite PUBP 704: Statistical Methods in Policy Analysis)</i>		3	
or PUBP 754 – GIS and Spatial Analysis for Public Policy		3	
or Approved substitution		3	

### Area of Emphasis/Electives – 15 credits\*

Course #/ Title	Semester	Credits	Grade
		3	
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### Professional Internship –3 credits *(May be waived, upon approval)*

Internship Site	Semester	Credits	Grade
		3	

**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](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:
  - o International Governance and Institutions
  - o National Security and Public Policy
  - o US Government Institutions and Policy Management
  - o Regional Economic Development
  - o Social Policy
  - o Science and Technology Policy
  - o Transportation Policy
  - o Global Medical and Health Policy
  - o Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption
  - o Urban Policy and Development
  - o 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 <i>Examples of approved 710 courses:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Globalization, Information Technology and Public Policy</li> <li>• Transnational Crime and Corruption</li> </ul>
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 <i>Examples of approved 710 courses:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WMD Arms Control Policy</li> <li>• Human Smuggling/Trafficking</li> <li>• Nontraditional Security Threats</li> </ul>
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 <i>Examples of approved 710 courses:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National/Regional Economic Policy Trends</li> <li>• US Election Administrative Policy</li> <li>• Congressional Politics and Policy</li> <li>• Civil Rights Policymaking and Enforcement</li> </ul>
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 <i>Examples of approved 710 courses:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher Education Policy</li> <li>• Gender, Class and Race in Policy Action</li> </ul>
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	• 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 <i>Examples of approved 710 courses:</i>
	• 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 <i>Examples of approved 710 courses:</i>
	• International Sustainable Energy Policy
	• Climate Change Policy
PUBP 726	Telecommunication Policy
PUBP 754	GIS and Spatial Analysis in Public Policy
PUBP 760	Science and Technology Policy in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
PUBP 777	Critical Information Technology Infrastructures
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 <i>Examples of approved 710 courses:</i>
	• 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