

Master of Public Policy (MPP)

For Students admitted Fall 2019 - Present:

Student Name: _____ G#: _____

Prerequisite: Date Stats Screening Exam Passed: _____ **Emphasis:** Required: _____

Core Coursework – 18 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		
POGO 511 – Introductory Data Analysis for Policy and Government <i>(Prerequisite: Passing grade on statistical screening exam; For more information, please visit schar.gmu.edu/511)</i>		
PUBP 720 – Managerial Economics and Policy Analysis <i>(Prerequisite: PUBP 555-Economics Math Workshop)</i>		
ITRN 503 – Macroeconomic Policy in the Global Economy		
PUBP 741 – U.S. Financial Policy Processes and Procedures <i>(Prerequisite: PUBP 720-Managerial Economics and Policy Analysis)</i>		

Advanced Core Coursework – 3 credits

<p>Choose <u>ONE</u> of the following Methods/Analytics Core courses <i>(Prerequisite: POGO 511 – Introductory Data Analysis for Policy and Government)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POGO 611 – Adv. Data Analysis for Policy and Government • POGO 646 – Policy and Program Evaluation • PUBP 754 – GIS and Spatial Analysis for Public Policy 		
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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 Advising Notes

For registration assistance and PatriotWeb step-by-step instructions, consult the *Schar Students Guide to PatriotWeb*: <http://schar.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 and can typically complete the program in two academic years.
- Part-time students typically enroll in six credits (two courses) per semester and complete the 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 POGO 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: schar.gmu.edu/511. POGO 511 – Introductory Data Analysis for Policy and Government is a prerequisite for Methods/Analytics core courses.
- 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 PUBP 741: U.S. Financial Policy Processes and Procedures.

Study Abroad Opportunities:

- Any SCHAR-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

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 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 the Schar School 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"> o Economic Policy o Education Policy 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
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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-SCHAR 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 SCHAR, 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 POGO 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 POGO 570 to strengthen their writing skills.

Areas of Emphasis/Elective Courses (cont.):

- Please see the list below for examples of the types of SCHAR elective courses that can be used to fulfill each emphasis area.
- SCHAR "special topics" courses are noted as PUBP 710, ITRN 701, or POGO 550 & 750. 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 SCHAR 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.

Economic Policy

PUBP 792 – Advanced Economic Analysis
 PUBP 732 – Labor Markets and Policies
 PUBP 721 – Transportation Economics
 PUBP 710 – Economics of Aging
 PUBP 710 – Tax Policy
 PUBP 731 – Macroeconomic Policy Assessment
 ITRN 701 – Finance and Investment
 ITRN 718 – Global Economics and Human Development

Education Policy

PUBP 768 – Education and Public Policy
 POGO 750 – Special Topics in Education Policy
Examples include:
 - K-12 Policy Challenges
 - Higher Education Policy
 EDPO 600 – History of Education Reform
 EDPO 603 – Conflict and Consensus: Education, Interest Groups and Advocacy
 EDPO 604 – Education Policy Implementation

International Governance & Institutions

POGO 550 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
 POGO 750 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
 POGO 796 - Directed Readings and Research
 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 Global Financial Crises/Institutions
 ITRN 603 Global 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

POGO 550 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
 POGO 750 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
 POGO 796 - Directed Readings and Research
 PUBP 710 Special Topics in Public Policy
Examples of approved 710 courses:
 - WMD Arms Control Policy
 - Human Smuggling/Trafficking
 PUBP 504 Grand Strategy
 PUBP 506 Ethics and the Use of Force
 PUBP 650 International Conflict/Crisis Response
 PUBP 651 Peace and Stabilization Operations
 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
 ITRN 701 Special Topics in ICP

US Government Institutions & Policy Mgmt.

POGO 550 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
 POGO 750 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
 POGO 796 - Directed Readings and Research
 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

POGO 550 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
 PUBP 732 – Labor Markets and Policies
 POGO 750 – Gender and Policy
 PUBP 710 Special Topics in Public Policy
Examples of approved Special Topics courses:
 - Race and Politics
 - Immigration Policy and Politics
 POGO 796 - Directed Readings and Research
 PUBP 761 – Social Entrepreneurship
 PUBP 762 Social Institutions and Public Policy
 PUBP 768 Edu. Policy: Process, Context, and Politics
 PUAD 505 Social Institutions/Social Policy
 ITRN 701 Special Topics in ICP

Regional Economic Development

POGO 550 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
 POGO 750 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
 POGO 796 – Directed Readings and Research
 PUBP 602 – Regional Econ Development: Strategies & Applications
 PUBP 710 Special Topics in Public Policy
Examples of approved 710 courses:
 - Globalization, Info. Technology and Public Policy
 - US and Global Trade
 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

POGO 550 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
 POGO 750 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
 POGO 796 - Directed Readings and Research
 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 21st Century
 PUBP 777 Critical Info. Technology Infrastructures

ITRN 701 Special Topics in ICP
ITRN 772 International Telecommunications

Transportation Policy

POGO 550 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
POGO 750 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
POGO 796 - Directed Readings and Research
PUBP 721 Transportation Economics
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

PUBP 757 Public Pol. in Global Health & Med. Practice
PUBP 758 Global Threats and Medical Policy
PUBP 767 Ethics in Health Policy
PUBP 770 Health Policy Analysis
HAP 686 Process Improvement in Health Services
HAP 609 Comparative International Health Systems
HAP 678 Introduction to U.S. Health System
HAP 706 Integrated Health Services
POGO 550 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
POGO 750 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
POGO 796 - Directed Readings and Research
PUBP 650 International Conflict/Crisis Response

Public Finance & Budgeting

ITRN 701 Special Topics in ICP
Examples of approved 701 courses:
- Trade, Investment and Financial Issues in Asia
ITRN 602 Global Financial Crises/Institutions
ITRN 710 Finance and Investment
POGO 550 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
POGO 750 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
POGO 796 - Directed Readings and Research

Terrorism, Transnational Crime & Corruption

POGO 550 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
POGO 750 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
POGO 796 - Directed Readings and Research
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

POGO 550 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
POGO 750 – Special Topics in Policy & Government
POGO 796 - Directed Readings and Research
PUBP 710 Special Topics in Public Policy
Examples of approved 710 courses:
- Higher Education Policy
- Housing/Community Development Policy
PUBP 733 Urban Politics and Policy
PUBP 748 Public Trans., Policy, Operations & Logistics
PUBP 755 National Security Decision-Making Policy