

PUBLIC POLICY (MPP IN PUBLIC POLICY)

The Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.) degree program is a two-year, full-time, residential program requiring forty-six hours of course credit.

Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
PUBP 500	Math Public Policy Analysis	1
PUBP 590	Policy in Practice	1
PUBP 602	Quantitative Methods I	3
PUBP 603	Quantitative Methods II	3
PUBP 604	Microeconomics Public Policy	3
PUBP 607	Law & Public Policy	3
PUBP 609	Applied Ethics	3
PUBP 610	Policy Research Seminar	4
PUBP 611	Evidence in Policy Process	3
PUBP 612	Leading Change	3
PUBP 618	Policy Case Competition	2

Students in the M.P.P. degree program are required to take at least one 3-credit or two 2-credit, program-approved, School of Law course(s), and an additional 3 credits of Applied Methods courses.

Electives¹ 13-14

¹ Elective courses must be taken to fulfill the 46 hour credit requirement. Students choose elective credits based around their chosen area of interest or develop an alternative set of courses developed with the consent of the Director. Areas of emphasis include education policy, environmental policy, health care policy, international trade, regulatory policy, and state and local policy.

Additional Requirements

Internship Requirement

Students are required to complete an internship (8-10 weeks of full-time employment) in the summer after their first year of the program.

Thesis Requirement

There is no thesis requirement for the M.P.P. Instead, all M.P.P. students register for the Policy Research Seminar. In this course, students work in small teams for real-world clients. Like a more traditional thesis, the work done by students is original and demonstrates substantial mastery of the subject in a real-world setting.

Comprehensive Exam Requirement

There is no comprehensive exam requirement for the M.P.P.

Residence Requirement

Students are required to be in residence for the duration of the program, except during the summer internship.

Foreign Language Requirement

There is no foreign language requirement for the M.P.P.

Academic Status

Continuance in Program

After each semester, the student must meet minimum levels of academic progress. The minimum requirements for continuance are as follows:

After Semester	Cumulative Graduate Degree Credits	Cumulative Q.P.A.
1	11	2.5
2	23	2.75
3	34	3.0

A student who does not achieve the minimum level of academic progress for continuance or receives a grade below C (quality points= 2.0) in any one of the required courses will immediately be suspended from the program.

Satisfactory Progress

In addition to the requirements explained in the Grading and Satisfactory Progress section of the Graduate Arts & Sciences Catalog, in order to graduate, all students must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all courses undertaken for graduate credit at William & Mary after admission to a degree program. No credit toward a degree will be allowed for a course in which a student receives a grade below C (grade point = 2.0).

To continue in the program, a student must make satisfactory progress toward the degree requirements. Satisfactory progress is defined as achieving and maintaining at least a 3.0 Q.P.A. for each semester of graduate study. Students with a Q.P.A. below 3.0 in any semester will automatically be placed on academic probation for the following semester. Students permitted to continue in the program on academic probation must earn a minimum of 11 academic credits and a minimum Q.P.A. of 3.0 during the probationary semester. A student who fails to meet the probationary standard will be suspended from the program.