The Master of Public Policy (MPP) is the recognized industry standard for those seeking careers in public policy analysis and design. As such, a typical MPP degree emphasizes the analysis of data and other relevant information to enable graduates to assess public problems, develop appropriate policy responses, and evaluate program effectiveness. MPP graduates enter careers as policy analysts, researchers, consultants, program evaluators, and policymakers in a broad range of public and nonprofit settings, ranging from the local to the international, and in the private sector. At Northeastern, the MPP joins our long-established and nationally accredited Master of Public Administration (MPA) as well as our Master of Science in Urban and Regional Policy (MURP), Urban Informatics, and International Affairs. As such, MPP students will be part of a larger School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs community of great intellectual and policy area diversity.

Academic Standing/Progress
Students in the program are monitored for academic progress. Those students whose grade-point average (GPA) falls below a 3.000 are notified by and meet with the director of academic programs. They are counseled that if their GPA does not rise to a 3.000 or higher, they run the risk of not graduating and are advised on strategies for improvement.

Program Requirements
Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

General Requirements
Methods, Statistics, and Applications Core
- LPSC 7305 or POLS 7202: Research and Statistical Methods, Quantitative Techniques 3
- PPUA 5205: Research Design and Methodology in Urban and Regional Policy 3
- PPUA 6509: Techniques of Program Evaluation 3

Policy Frameworks and Practice Core
- LPSC 6313: Economic Analysis for Law, Policy, and Planning 3
- LPSC 7311: Strategizing Public Policy 3
- PPUA 6506: Techniques of Policy Analysis 3
- PPUA 6525: Institutions and Public Policy 3
- PPUA 7673: Capstone in Public Policy and Urban Affairs 3

Methods and Statistics Elective
Complete 3 semester hours from the following: 3

Internship Requirement
An approved internship or waiver is required.

INTERNSHIP WAIVED
Electives
Complete 12 semester hours from the Course List. (p. 1) 12

INTERNSHIP COMPLETED NOT FOR COURSE CREDIT
Internship
- PPUA 6861: Internship 0
Electives
Complete 12 semester hours from the Course List. (p. 1) 12

INTERNSHIP COMPLETED FOR COURSE CREDIT
Internship
- PPUA 6862: Internship with Research 3
Electives
Complete 9 semester hours from the Course List. (p. 1) 9

Specialization
No specialization is required. If you wish to pursue a specialization, please consult the program director. Specializations can include policy analysis and statistics, sustainability and climate change, urban informatics, law and policy, health policy, security and resilience.

Course List
- PPUA 5000 to PPUA 7999
- LPSC 5000 to LPSC 7999
- CRIM 5000 to CRIM 7999 (by advisement only)
- ECON 5000 to ECON 7999 (by advisement only)
- ENGL 5000 to 7999 (by advisement only)
- HIST 5000 to HIST 7999 (by advisement only)
- POLS 5000 to POLS 7999 (by advisement only)
- SOCL 5000 to SOCL 7999 (by advisement only)

Program Credit/GPA Requirements
39 total semester hours required
Minimum 3.000 GPA required