

Public Policy, MPP

School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs (<https://cssh.northeastern.edu/policyschool/>)

CSSH Graduate Programs General Regulations (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/social-sciences-humanities/general-regulations/>)

The Master of Public Policy is the recognized industry standard for those seeking careers in public policy analysis and design. The 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 University, the MPP joins the nationally accredited Master of Public Administration as well as our Master of Science in Urban Planning and Policy, Master of Science in Urban Informatics, Master of Science in Environmental Science and Policy, and Master of Arts in International Affairs. As such, MPP students are part of a larger School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs community of great intellectual and policy area diversity.

The MPP programs require all students to engage in an internship experience and offer an optional cooperative education experience to eligible students. Cooperative education is central to both the Northeastern experience and to the experiential liberal arts framework of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities. Northeastern's signature co-op ecosystem provides qualified master's students with six-month work experiences in businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies in Boston and across the United States.

Healthcare Management and Policy Concentration

This concentration is designed to enable students to develop a deeper understanding of the contemporary healthcare sector, including the intricacies of U.S. health policy, and competencies in healthcare management. The concentration is comprised of three courses, one from each of three focus areas, and an elective.

Sustainability and Climate Change Policy Concentration

This graduate concentration is available to students in the MPP program in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities. It is designed to enable MPP students to develop deeper insights into the policy dimensions of these intertwined but conceptually distinct realms of inquiry and action, in both domestic and international domains. The concentration is comprised of three courses.

Please review the tuition and fees (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/expenses/tuition-fees/>) page as credit costs differ depending on the college the course is located in.

Academic Standing/Progress

Students in the program are monitored for academic progress. Those students whose grade-point average 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

- Concentrations and course offerings may vary by campus and/or by program modality. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for the course availability each term at your campus or within your program modality.
- Certain options within the program may be *required* at certain campuses or for certain program modalities. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for requirements at your campus or for your program modality.

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Core Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Methods, Statistics, and Applications Core		
INSH 6300	Research Methods in the Social Sciences	4
INSH 6500	Statistical Analysis	4
PPUA 6509 or PPUA 6506	Techniques of Program Evaluation Techniques of Policy Analysis	4
Policy Frameworks and Practice Core		
LPSC 7311	Strategizing Public Policy	4
PPUA 6502	Economic Analysis for Policy and Planning	4
PPUA 7673	Capstone in Public Policy and Urban Affairs	4

Methods and Statistics Elective

Complete 4 semester hours from the following:		4
INSH 7400	Quantitative Analysis	
PPUA 5261	Dynamic Modeling for Environmental Decision Making	
PPUA 5262	Big Data for Cities	
PPUA 5263	Geographic Information Systems for Urban and Regional Policy	

Internship Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
PPUA 6861	Internship	0

Concentration or Electives Option

A concentration is not required. Students may complete electives (from the elective list below) in lieu of a concentration.

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- Sustainability and Climate Change Policy Concentration (p. 3)
- Electives (p. 3)

Optional Co-op Experience

Code	Title	Hours
Four-month co-ops require registration at 1 semester hour for one term. Longer co-ops require registration at 1 semester hour per term for two consecutive terms.		1-2
PPUA 6964 and INSH 6864	Co-op Work Experience and Experiential Integration	

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

40 total semester hours required (41–42 with optional co-op)
Minimum 3.000 GPA required

HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT AND POLICY CONCENTRATION

Code	Title	Hours
Health Management		
Complete one of the following:		3-4
HRMG 6220	Health Organization Management	
STRT 6220	Strategic Management for Healthcare Organizations	
Health Policy		
Complete one of the following:		3-4
PHTH 5212	Public Health Administration and Policy	
PHTH 5234	Economic Perspectives on Health Policy	
PPUA 5240	Health Policy and Politics	
Electives		
<i>Health Elective</i>		
Complete one of the following:		3
PHTH 5120	Race, Ethnicity, and Health in the United States	
PHTH 5212	Public Health Administration and Policy	
PHTH 5214	Environmental Health	
PHTH 5222	Health Advocacy	
PHTH 5230	Global Health	
PHTH 6200	Principles and History of Urban Health	
PHTH 6204	Society, Behavior, and Health	
<i>General Elective</i>		
Complete an additional course from the health elective list above or one of the following:		2-3
PPUA 6202	Research Toolkit for Python for Policy	

PPUA 6212	Research Toolkit for Urban and Regional Policy: Project Management
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PPUA 6216	Research Toolkit for Urban and Regional Policy: Grant Writing
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SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY CONCENTRATION

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 12 semester hours from the following:		12
ENVR 6150	Food Security and Sustainability	
LPSC 7312	Cities, Sustainability, and Climate Change	
PPUA 5100	Climate and Development	
PPUA 5260	Ecological Economics	
PPUA 5261	Dynamic Modeling for Environmental Decision Making	
PPUA 5264	Energy Democracy and Climate Justice: Technology, Policy, and Social Change	
PPUA 5268	International Environmental Policy	
PPUA 5270	Food Systems and Public Policy	
PPUA 6101	Environmental Science and Policy Seminar 1	

ELECTIVES OPTION

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 12 semester hours from the following:		12
LPSC 5000 to LPSC 7999		
PPUA 5000 to PPUA 7999		
CRIM 5000 to CRIM 7999 (by advisement only)		
ECON 5000 to ECON 7999 (by advisement only)		
ENGL 5000 to ENGL 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)		