PUBLIC POLICY

Collaborative International Programs

Collaborative International-Concurrent Degree Program with the KDI School of Public Policy and Management

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC 214 Collaborative Graduate Education Programs with Institutions Outside of the United States. (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-214-collaborative-graduate-education-programs-with-institutions-outside-of-the-united-states/)

This Collaborative-International Concurrent Degree (CICD) Program is an opportunity for students in specified master’s degree programs at KDI School of Public Policy and Management (https://kdischool.ac.kr) to complete the requirements for a master’s degree at KDI School in one year and then complete the requirements for the M.P.P. degree at Penn State, completing two master’s degree programs in two calendar years.

The eligible degree programs are: Master of Public Policy, Master of Public Management, Master of Development Policy and Master of Intellectual Property and Development. The M.P.P. at KDI is more focused on Korea, while PSU’s curriculum is more focused on the U.S. All of these degree programs require the same, or very similar analytic skills, but cover somewhat different substantive areas, and are thus highly complementary.

The M.P.P. program at Penn State will accept 15 credits completed at KDI and KDI students will complete an additional 27 credits at Penn State.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/).

Students will first apply and be admitted to KDI School using the normal KDI School application and admission process. In the fall semester of their first year, students will apply for admission to the M.P.P. program at Penn State.

Students must apply to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/), and must meet all the admission requirements of the Graduate School and the Public Policy graduate program for the Master of Public Policy degree.

ADVISING

Students admitted to the program are advised by the M.P.P. program adviser on program-specific matters and staff in the Directorate of International Student and Scholar Advising (DISSA) (https://global.psu.edu/article/directorate-international-student-scholar-advising-dissa/) on matters generally affecting international students.

SEQUENCE OF COURSES

Students will complete all requirements toward the KDI master’s degree in year one of the program, and complete all Penn State requirements in year two of the program.

PLAN OF STUDY

Upon admission to the program students will prepare a plan of study outlining the courses that they will take in their year at Penn State.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students must fulfill all requirements for each degree in order to be awarded that degree. Students who do not complete the Penn State degree may graduate with a master’s degree from KDI School. Over 40 courses from KDI are eligible to double count for the Penn State M.P.P. Program.