

PUBLIC POLICY

PPOL 894	Capstone Experience (Capstone Project)	3
Total Credits		43

Degree Requirements

Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

A minimum of 43 credits (42 credits for students with significant professional experience who may waive the internship requirement with approval of the M.P.P. program director) at the 400, 500, or 800 level, with at least 18 credits at the 500 or 800 level and a minimum of 6 credits at the 500 level, is required. More specifically, the program requires 18 credits in 6 core courses that are designed to establish a base of knowledge in key subject areas reflecting statistical skills, economic concepts, and policy making institutions. Students must also choose one bureaucracy/organization-focused course from PPOL 804, PPOL 805, or PPOL 807.

In addition to these degree requirements, students must complete one PPOL elective, a 1-credit internship and a capstone project as their master's culminating experience, PPOL 894, for 3 credits. The capstone project will involve completing an applied policy project showing mastery of the subject matter. Students with significant work experience may waive the 1 credit internship requirement with the approval of the M.P.P. program director and complete the degree with 42 rather than 43 credits.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
PPOL 503	Statistics for Public Policy I	3
PPOL 506	Statistics for Public Policy II	3
PPOL 801	The Public Policy Process	3
PPOL 802	Economic Analysis for Public Policy	3
PPOL 808	Public Finance and Budgeting	3
PPOL 809	Public Policy Analysis	3
PPOL 810	Policy and Program Evaluation	3
Must Choose One of the Following:		3
PPOL 804	Public Sector Organization Theory	
PPOL 805	Bureaucracy and the Policy Process	
PPOL 807	Managing Public Organizations	
<i>Electives</i>		3
Electives can be chosen from any course with a PPOL course abbreviation.		
<i>Specialization</i>		
An additional four courses (12 credits) are required in the student's field of public policy specialization. These courses will be selected by students with approval from the M.P.P. program and may be at the 400, 500, or 800 level. Students may count up to 12 credits in the fields of specialization from 400-level courses.		12
<i>Internship</i>		
PPOL 895	Public Policy Internship	1
The Internship requirement may be waived with approval of the M.P.P. program director.		
Culminating Experience		