DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Public Policy (MPP)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Drexel University Master of Public Policy (MPP) program is distinct for its focus on student-led inquiry and specialization tracks. The program emphasizes case study research as a core element, allowing students to develop in-depth expertise in a specific policy area. Offered both in-person and online, the MPP program prepares graduates for demanding roles in the public, private, and non-profit sectors through a comprehensive curriculum that includes data analysis, statistics, and institutional dynamics.

SPECIALIZATION TRACKS

Students in the Public Policy program gain a strong foundation in analysis, economics, research and writing. Students can customize their studies, fulfill elective requirements, and earn extra credentials through Drexel's numerous graduate minors and certificates. Examples of available specialization areas include:

- **GLOBAL HEALTH**
- **URBAN HEALTH**
- **SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT**
- **NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT**

CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY

The Center for Public Policy (CPP) is an interdisciplinary think tank of Drexel faculty who conduct research in areas ranging from education policy to environmental policy, to international development, to prison and police reform, among others.

Students in the MPP program work alongside CPP faculty and are encouraged to seek out opportunities to conduct research and engage with the community.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Key courses in the program include:

METHODS OF POLICY ANALYSIS; THEORY AND PRACTICE OF POLICY ANALYSIS; INSTITUTIONAL DYNAMICS OF THE POLICY PROCESS; NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, STATISTICS FOR POLICY ANALYSIS; PUBLIC ECONOMICS; CASE STUDY RESEARCH

CASE STUDY APPROACH

The case study program provides MPP students with a unique opportunity to conduct in-depth policy research in a specific policy area. Students select their own topic, are introduced to case study methodology and practice, develop a research agenda, and ultimately sit for an oral defense. By the end of the program, students have produced a polished, in-depth analysis of a specific case that they can use to demonstrate subject area expertise to potential employers, academic audiences, and others.

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

Classes are offered online or on-campus, with full and part-time plans of study available.

CAREERS

Our graduates have gone on to careers in a variety of industries, including government and nonprofit organizations. Potential careers include policy analyst positions at advocacy organizations and within governmental agencies, as well as research and staff positions at think tanks, legal firms and large corporations at the local and national levels.

FACULTY MENTORSHIP

Faculty members in the MPP program are engaged in a wide range of research areas, including:

- **AMERICAN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT**
- **URBAN POLITICS**
- **LOCAL GOVERNANCE**
- **PUBLIC WELFARE AND SOCIAL POLICY**
- **PRISON REFORM**
- **COMMUNICATION POLICY**
- **CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**
- **COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION DEADLINES

We accept new students every term. While we review applications on a rolling basis, we recommend students submit applications by the following dates:

- **FALL:** May 1 (International), August 1 (Priority Domestic), September 1 (Domestic)
- **WINTER:** November 15 (Domestic)
- **SPRING:** February 15 (Domestic)
- **SUMMER:** May 1 (Domestic)

FINANCIAL AID

Information about scholarships and aid is available on our program website. Generous tuition discounts are available for qualified applicants.

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