Masters of Public Policy (MPP)

The Standard in Policy Analysis and Design

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AGENDA

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INTRODUCTIONS

Today’s presenters

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BEFORE WE GET STARTED

Guidelines & Announcements

- Ask your questions via the Q & A window
- Webinar is recorded & will be posted
- Follow-up with Katie Higgin at k.higgins@neu.edu
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
A Comprehensive Research University Founded in 1898

90+ Undergraduate majors
165+ Graduate programs
62+ Interdisciplinary programs
1000+ Full-time Faculty
3 Campus Locations

College of Social Sciences & Humanities
College of Art, Media & Design
D’Amore-McKim School of Business
College of Computer & Information Science
College of Engineering

Bouvé College of Health Sciences
College of Professional Studies
College of Science
School of Law

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GRADUATE PROGRAM OPTIONS

Graduate Certificates
- Data Science
- Urban Informatics
- Nonprofit Sector, Philanthropy, and Social Change

Master’s Degrees
- Urban Informatics
- Urban and Regional Policy
- Public Administration
- Public Policy
- International Affairs

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FOCUS ON FLEXIBILITY & EXPERIENCE

Flexible schedules
- Evening classes
- Full and part-time study
- Many courses offered online or hybrid in Boston, Charlotte and Seattle

Experiential emphasis
- Full-time scholarly and part-time professional faculty
- Focus on internships, fellowships and hands-on experiences
- Client-based Capstone projects

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What is the MPP?

• The recognized “industry standard” in policy analysis and design.
• Combines training in analytical and research skills, broad insights into the contexts for policy design, and evaluation of impacts
• Applied experiences designed to prepare you for a range of careers
MPP Curriculum

- Policy Frameworks and Practice Core (12 SH)
- Research Methods, Statistics, and Applications Core (12 SH)
- Policy focus area (12 SH)
- Capstone Project (3 SH)

All courses are 3 SH
Policy Frameworks and Practice Core

- Economic Analysis for Law, Policy, and Planning
- Political Institutions and Public Policy
- Techniques of Policy Analysis
- Strategizing Public Policy
Research Methods, Statistics, and Applications Core

• Quantitative Techniques
• Research Design and Methodology
• Techniques of Program Evaluation
• Methods and Statistics Elective (choose 1 course)
  • Geographic Information Systems
  • Advanced Quantitative Techniques
  • Dynamic Modeling for Environmental Investment and Policy Making
Electives – Policy Focus Area

- 4 courses (12 SH) in electives
- Take from any NU graduate program except MBA
- Recommended but optional areas of applied specialization, such as:
  - law and public policy
  - sustainability and climate change
  - urban informatics
  - health policy
Capstone / Research Practicum

> A semester-long group project that uses the skills of policy analysis and design to address an applied question in collaboration with a local partner.

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Careers

Policy / Research Analyst – Extract insights from data and other information to recommend policy actions

- Research Analyst, Sustainable Energy Advantage, LLC
- Research Analyst, Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)
- Senior Analyst, Abt Associates

Project Manager – Analyze data and shape daily program decisions

- Financial Analyst / Program Manager, Massachusetts Department of Transportation
- Senior Project Manager, Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development
- Associate for Policy and Programs, Product Stewardship Institute

Program Leader – Guide policy formation and decision-making

- Vice President, Medicare Revenue and Risk Management, Tufts Health Plan
- Director of Economic Development, Plymouth, MA
When to Apply

**Spring**
October 1: International Applicants
December 1: U.S. Applicants

**Fall**
May 1: International Applicants
August 1: U.S. Applicants

NOTE: Decisions are released on a rolling basis.
What Do You Need?

• Completed online application

• Current Resume

• GRE scores

• Unofficial copies of all transcripts

• Letters of Recommendation
  > 3 for degree programs
  > 1 for certificate programs

• Personal statement

• $75 Application fee (waived for AmeriCorps, McNair Scholars and PPIA SJI alumni)

• International Students:
  > TOEFL (target score 100)
  > IELTS (target score 7.0)
  > Degree earned at US institution
SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships

- CSSH Dean’s Scholarship
- Double Husky Scholarship for NU Alumni
- AmeriCorps Scholarship
- PPIA SJI Scholarship Match
- Yellow Ribbon Program

Financial Aid

- Eligible students can apply for Federal Financial Aid. For more information, contact the Northeastern financial aid office.
- Students must file their FAFSA application by March 1st. New student awards are made after admittance to the program.
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Program Questions

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