

# Public Policy

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M.P.P
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**  
TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 6; Duolingo 100

The NDSU Department of Political Science and Public Policy invites students with a wide array of undergraduate backgrounds to apply for our Masters of Public Policy (MPP). Our program provides students with an in-person and synchronous on-line options for completing degree requirements.

Applicants for the MPP program will complete their application through the Graduate School's online application (<https://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/apply/>). The application requires the following:

1. A statement of purpose – why does the applicant wish to pursue a MPP at NDSU?
2. A current resume or CV
3. An academic writing sample – this writing sample might be a paper written for an undergraduate or graduate-level class *or* could be written specifically for this application. The writing sample should demonstrate the applicant's ability to write research or policy-related papers and should be submitted in English.
4. Two letters of recommendation, with at least one preferred to be academic.
5. Transcripts from all institutions the applicant has attended (for undergraduate or graduate study)
6. Optional GRE scores – applicants are not required to complete the GRE, nor will the absence of GRE scores negatively affect the application.
7. Optional statement of extenuating circumstances – if there is anything the applicant would like the admissions committee to know about their circumstances, that is not discussed elsewhere in the application, the applicant may include that here. Applicants are not required to complete a statement of extenuating circumstances, nor will its absence negatively impact the application.
8. International applicants may need to submit TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo scores to demonstrate proficiency in English. See the Graduate School's page for more information. (<https://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/apply/international/>)

The MPP Admissions Committee will review applications on a rolling basis.

## ***Accelerated MPP***

The Department of Political Science and Public Policy is also pleased to offer an accelerated MPP option for current NDSU undergraduates, that allows students to complete a BA/BS in Political Science and an MPP in as little as 5 years.

Students interested in an accelerated masters will complete the same application as those applying for the traditional MPP program (see above). Students must have a 3.5 GPA in order to be admitted, and can matriculate in the program once they have completed 60 undergraduate credits. See the NDSU Catalog for more information about this process. (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/degree-and-graduation/#accelerateddegreeprogramsugrtdtogradtext>)

Students are encouraged to talk with their advisers about this option early in their undergraduate careers.