

Public Policy Master's

Department Information

- **Program Information:**
ndsu.edu/programs/graduate/public-policy (<http://ndsu.edu/programs/graduate/public-policy/>)
- **Department Web Site:**
ndsu.edu/politicalscience/ (<http://ndsu.edu/politicalscience/>)
- **Application Deadline:**
Applications reviewed on rolling basis
- **Credential Offered:**
M.P.P.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 6; Duolingo 105

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Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		24
POLS 623 or POLS 710	Public Policy Analysis Global Public Policy	
POLS 705	Policy Design and Evaluation	
POLS 724	Public Budgeting and Finance	
POLS 726	Harm Reduction for Policymakers	
POLS 633	Law and Public Policy	
POLS 701 or POLS 670	Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Quantitative Methods for Political Science and Public Policy	
POLS 702 or POLS 703	Qualitative Methods for Impact Evaluations Advanced Policy Analysis	
POLS 780	Masters of Public Policy Capstone	
Electives		12
POLS 622	State and Local Politics	
POLS 644	International Law	
POLS 650	Politics of the Developing Countries	
POLS 652	Comparative Political Economy	
POLS 653	Environmental Policy and Politics	
POLS 654	Comparative Democratic Institutions	
POLS 670	Quantitative Methods for Political Science and Public Policy	
POLS 762	New Institutionalism in Political Science	
POLS 796		
GEOL 680	Geographic Information Systems Pattern Analysis and Modeling	
ECON 661	Economic Development	
ECON 670	Public Economics	
ECON 675	Health Economics	
ECON 681	Natural Resource Economics	
ECON 682	Environmental Economics	
ECON 762	New Institutional Economics	
EMGT 610		
HDFS 719	Youth Policy	
HDFS 760	Aging Policy and Advocacy	
PSYC 653	Organizational Psychology	

SOC 605	Community Development
SOC 733	Organizations and the State
BUSN 690	(IDEAS Research Workshop)
Total Credits	36

- Accelerated students can take 15 credits towards the MPP in the course of their standard undergraduate career. During the fifth year, students would take the remaining 21 credits from the curriculum above.

Admission and Application Requirements

Graduate School admission and application requirements are found on the Admission Information (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2025-2026/graduate/admission-information/>) page.

In addition to these requirements, the following are required:

- A statement of purpose answering the question: Why does the applicant wish to pursue a MPP at NDSU?
- A current resume or CV
- 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.
- 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.