Informing Public Policy Through High Caliber Analysis

Why a UConn MPP

The UConn School of Public Policy will prepare you for careers that emphasize data analysis and the evaluation of policies and programs. Graduates are employed in the public, nonprofit, and private sectors.

Top Faculty

Our MPP faculty are experts in policy analysis and program evaluation research, with specific expertise in areas such as education, child and family, health, and environmental policy as well as state and local public budgeting and finance.

Engaged Alumni Network

1000+ leaders of public, nonprofit and corporate organizations in Connecticut, the U.S., and the world working as engaged mentors and employment resources for current students.

U.S. News and World Report Rankings

- Top 10 in Public Finance and Budgeting
- Top 50 in Public Affairs
- Top 25 Public University

Customize Your Degree

Students may choose to specialize through our focus areas and graduate certificates.

Focus Areas

- Law and Public Policy
- Leadership and Public Management
- Nonprofit Management
- Public Financial Management
- Public Policy, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Urban Planning
- Social Policy
- State and Local Government Management
- Survey Research
- Create your own!

Graduate Certificates

- Leadership and Public Management
- Nonprofit Management
- Public Financial Management
- Survey Research

Undergraduate Fast-Track to an MPP

UConn undergraduate students can accelerate completion of their first year of their MPP degree before they graduate at no extra cost.

Paid Public Service Internships

Experience Matters

UConn’s nationally recognized Internship and Professional Practice (IPP) program provides second-year UConn MPP students with a strong year-long, project-based internship in a top state agency, municipality or nonprofit. First-year students can also pursue optional internship programs to gain valuable professional experience and funding opportunities.

What you gain from the IPP

- Unparalleled Experience
- Subsidized Health Insurance
- Paid Stipend
- Full Tuition Scholarship
Christopher Brechlin
MPP 2018
Director of Data and Digital Systems
COMPASS Youth Collaborative

"The program provides rigorous, applied instruction in econometrics and program evaluation, which I saw as essential for a career in public sector data science. The School of Public Policy has a robust and open alumni network that is always available to help students. So many engaged alums helped shape my career and students shouldn't hesitate to reach out to learn about our career paths or for advice."

"Pursuing an MPP provided me a professional avenue to apply my passion for scholar-activism. Pursuing the MPP at UConn allowed me to jumpstart my career via the Fast-Track program and graduate with ample connections and zero debt. My knowledge and skills of multi-perspective policy analysis, the legislative process, and social policy are really coming in handy!"

Jessica Weaver
MPP 2020
Senior Research Analyst
Public and Affordable Housing Research Corporation

"Through the MPP program, I was able to analyze municipal budgets, which has helped me have a more thorough understanding of the near $80 million school budget I voted on this past year. I also learned a great deal about union negotiations, which has been instrumental in the negotiations I have taken part in with our school. This program not only prepares one for civil service, but elected office as well."

Katharine Morris
MPP 2021
Governor's IIJA Fellow
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Sample Coursework:
- Applied Policy Issues
- Causal Program Evaluation
- Economic Analysis
- Quantitative Methods
- Policy Analysis
- Project Management

How to Apply
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Application materials required for consideration:
- Graduate School Online Application
- Transcript(s)
- Resume
- Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Statement
- Application Fee *
- Test of English Proficiency (if applicable)

*Fee waivers exist for veterans and active service personnel, AmeriCorps and PPIA alumni, and members and alumni of other organizations. Contact us for more information.

Recommended Material: While the GRE is not required for admission it is highly recommended. Applicants whose academic transcripts and other application materials do not demonstrate strong writing and analytic/quantitative skills are strongly encouraged to take the GRE.