

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

The MPP degree is appropriate for people who want to work in government or nonprofits on critical social and economic issues -- such as affordable housing, economic and community development, environmental issues, taxation and equity.

The curriculum combines knowledge about current government programs with the technical skills to assess how politics influence policy choices, how to design more effective programs, and how to evaluate the impacts of existing programs. The skills we teach can be applied to a wide variety of policy areas, particularly those related to cities and urban issues. Our location in the Chicago metropolitan area provides firsthand exposure to some of the most pressing social and economic challenges in the country, plus the opportunities to work with local agencies to address these challenges.

Students can focus on political advocacy, design and implementation of public policies, and evaluation of programs. Alumni work as program directors, legislative staffers, budget and finance analysts, policy analysts, social media and communication officers. They have positions in city governments in Chicago, Houston, Seattle, and other major cities. They work in non-profits as service providers, grants writers, and fundraisers in Evanston, Orlando, and San Francisco.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The program is 37 credits. Students can enroll part-time (typically 2 classes per semester) or full-time (3 classes per semester).

The average time to completion is 2 years (full time) or 3 years (part time).

Classes are offered in the evenings both on-line and in-person at the Water Tower Campus. A fully online degree option is not available.

INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Internships or capstone projects provide students with opportunities to apply the knowledge gained in the classroom to real-world settings.

FINANCIAL AID Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A completed on-line application available at gpem.LUC.edu/apply
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and any graduate work.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- A one- to two-page statement of purpose detailing an interest in pursuing this degree and your specific area of policy interest.
- A resume outlining work experience, education, professional or academic achievements, and any additional information relevant to support the application

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Comprehensive knowledge of the politics of public policy issues and the policy-making process.
- The ability to analyze complex social phenomena to promote informed policy decisions.
- Strong skills in program evaluation, policy analysis, and public budgeting.
- Practical experience through internships or group capstone projects.
- Students will graduate ready to work effectively in local, state, and national government or non-profit organizations.

LEARN MORE

APPLY

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For all application requirements and deadlines, please visit LUC.edu/gpem/info.

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