

JOINT MPP/MBA

The joint master's degree in public policy and business administration (MPP/MBA) at Mills College provides students with skills in leadership, management, analysis, and development of innovative policies and strategies. Graduates of this degree program assume positions of influence spanning business, government, and nonprofit organizations. This single MPP/MBA degree responds to evolving demands for professionals with cross-sector competencies who are trained in leadership, management, analysis, advocacy, electoral politics, and skills to solve social challenges with innovative policies and strategies. Our graduates possessing these well-rounded skill-sets are in high demand across various sectors including government, nonprofit organizations, social and business enterprises, community financial institutions, electoral politics, and leadership roles at the intersection of all sectors. Our streamlined joint MPP/MBA enables students to reduce the time invested in securing their graduate degree, without sacrificing academic quality, by tailoring requirements in each program to the needs of students interested in the nexus of public and private sectors.

Joint degree students take classes with MPP and MBA students and develop a broad network of peers in both the policy and business arenas. The joint MPP/MBA program at Mills is enriched by the co-location of the MPP and MBA programs in the Lorry I. Lokey School of Business and Public Policy building, a shared Career Services Office, and many student clubs and co-curricular opportunities that are available to all students in the MPP and MBA programs.

Program Goals:

- Develop knowledge, skills, and dispositions to enact ethical and socially accountable leadership and decision-making
- Hone analytic skills relevant to problem-identification, problem solving, decision-making, and implementation in the business and policymaking arenas
- Develop understanding of how manage organizations for effective performance
- Acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to operate within a political system and understand political context of decision-making in the public and private sectors
- Gain solid foundation in economic theory and its application to policy and business contexts
- Develop knowledge and skills to be able to work across sectors (non-profit, government, and for-profit) and understand intersectoral relationships
- Hone interpersonal and teamwork skills for working in a diverse environment
- Develop written and oral communication skills for the professional environment

Requirements

To receive a joint MPP/MBA degree, students must complete a total of 23 courses for a minimum of 69 semester course credits. This program is designed as a full-time three-year program, but students have flexibility to complete the program more quickly, by taking more than four courses during regular semesters and/or taking January and summer courses. Students can also take courses on a part-time basis to balance school with work and other outside commitments.

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Recommended sequence:		
PPOL 210	Public Policy and Economic Analysis	3
PPOL 241	Law and Public Policy	3
MGMT 263	Quantitative Methods	3
MGMT 209	Economics for Managers	3
PPOL 200	Methods of Policy Analysis	3
MGMT 226	Management Information Systems	3-3
MGMT 214	Financial Accounting	3
One elective		3-4
Hours		24-25
Total Hours		24-25

Course	Title	Hours
Second Year		
PPOL 220	Organizational Efficacy	3
MGMT 216	Corporate Finance I	3
MGMT 230	Marketing Management	3
PPOL 221	Political Efficacy	3
MGMT 215	Managerial Accounting	3
MGMT 279	Applied Economic Analysis	3
MGMT 244	Leadership and Ethics	3
or PPOL 217	or Ethical Reasoning in Politics and Public Policy	
One elective		3-4
Hours		24-25
Total Hours		24-25

Course	Title	Hours
Third Year		
PPOL 230	Integrative Core I: Application/Integration of Policy Analysis Frameworks	3
PPOL 227	Local and Community Policy Making, Planning, and Management	3
MGMT 232	Operations Management	3
PPOL 231	Integrative Core II: Application/Integration of Policy Analysis Frameworks	3
MGMT/PPOL 292	Business, Policy, and Society	3-4
Two electives		6-8
Hours		21-24
Total Hours		21-24

Electives

Minimum of 12 semester course credits

Students choose at least four electives, two from each program area, for a total of at least 12 elective course credits. Students work with their advisors to choose electives that enhance the students' depth of knowledge in a particular methodological or substantive area. Students interested in taking electives outside of the Business Administration or Public Policy departments (including courses taken through cross-registration) should consult with their advisors and receive prior approval from both program directors.

Students should be aware that some electives have prerequisites and can only be taken after those are fulfilled. Advisers can provide guidance as to the most appropriate timing for particular electives.

Flexible Options for Students with Prior Course Work

We will review past course work to determine whether a joint MPP/MBA candidate has met certain program foundation requirements, reducing the number of courses required for the degree. Previous

course work may be accepted from other institutions prior to enrollment with permission of the Program Directors if they were taken within five (5) years prior to the date of entrance into the program with a grade of B or better.

Programs

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MPP/MBA Accelerated Degree (<https://catalog.mills.edu/undergraduate/accelerated-degree-programs/joint-mppmba-accelerated-degree-program>)