Program Description

Degree Awarded: MPP Public Policy (Environmental Policy)

The MPP program with a concentration in environmental policy prepares students at the master’s degree level to apply sustainability principles and approaches to careers in a variety of fields that address environmental and, inevitably, human challenges. Students with a concentration in environmental policy will acquire the knowledge base and skills to bring sustainability solutions to corporate, government and nonprofit sectors. The concentration program begins by building a foundation in environmental policy and theory through the core coursework, followed by one elective that develops and deepens student expertise in specific areas and issues. The program is uniquely positioned to allow students to build careers in public policy analysis and administration, international development and nonprofit organizations.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Public Service and Community Solutions
- Location: Downtown Phoenix campus

Degree Requirements

42 credit hours including the required capstone course (PAF 509 or PAF 579)

Required Core (27 credit hours)
PAF 501 Public Service Research I (3)
PAF 502 Public Service Research II (3)
PAF 504 Microeconomics of Public Policy I (3)
PAF 505 Public Policy Analysis (3)
PAF 540 Advanced Policy Analysis (3)
PAF 541 Program Evaluation (3)
PAF 570 Microeconomics of Public Policy II (3)  
PAF 573 Applied Econometrics (3)  
PAF 574 Diversity, Ethics and Leading Public Change (3)  

**Concentration (6 credit hours)**  
PAF/SOS 545 Organizations, Sustainability and Public Policy (3)  
PAF 546 Environmental Policy and Management (3)  

**Restricted Electives (6 credit hours)**  

**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**  
PAF 509 Public Affairs Capstone (3) or  
PAF 579 Public Policy Capstone (3)  

**Additional Curriculum Information**  
Students should see the academic unit for a complete list of approved electives.  

Students enrolling in core Master of Public Policy courses must demonstrate minimum competency in statistics and American national government. Courses taken to fulfill competencies do not count toward the 42-credit hour degree program. Completion of prerequisite courses is not a requirement for admission but must be completed within one semester after starting the program.  

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**Admission Requirements**  

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Public Service and Community Solutions.  

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor’s or master’s degree in a related field from a regionally accredited institution. Related fields include political science, sustainability, planning, business, urban and metropolitan studies, as well as other social science disciplines, although the department may accept applicants with undergraduate degrees from all educational backgrounds provided the minimum requirements for the degree program are met.  

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = “A”) in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = “A”) in an applicable master's degree program.  

All applicants must submit:  

1. graduate admission application and application fee  
2. official transcripts
3. verbal, quantitative and analytical scores on the GRE (institution code: 4007)
4. three letters of recommendation
5. written statement
6. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency. Additional requirements for international students are at [https://students.asu.edu/graduate/international](https://students.asu.edu/graduate/international).

At least two of the three letters of recommendation should be from faculty or other academic staff who can evaluate applicant's academic performance.

The written statement should be one to two pages in length and describe the applicant's educational and career goals. This statement is also used as a sample of the applicant's writing abilities.

Applicants may also submit a resume or other documents.

Note: Fees increase after the deadline.

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