

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LEADERSHIP AND POLICY STUDIES

DEGREE DESCRIPTION

The Master of Science in leadership and policy studies at DePaul University emphasizes field-based learning in public service to develop effective leaders in nonprofit and government professions.

Students will develop public policy and leadership skills in the community through the School of Public Service curriculum—every course in the degree program integrates field study. The leadership and policy studies program stresses ethics, problem-solving and research skills, and the ability to implement public policy.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Evening Courses. Classes are offered in the evening so you can learn alongside other motivated students.

Well-Respected Degree. With DePaul's impressive academic rankings and distinguished faculty, you'll graduate with a degree that's well-respected and speaks loudly to future employers. And, when you graduate, you'll become part of our alumni family—171,000 and growing—giving you the network you need to advance your career.

Career Outlook. Ninety-four percent of our 2014 SPS graduates were employed, pursuing advanced degrees or seeking neither after degree completion. Our graduates have gone on to work in nonprofit, for-profit, educational and governmental sectors.

Examples of recent employers of SPS graduates include:

- Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
- Chicago Community Trust
- City of Chicago
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Rush University Medical Center
- The University of Chicago
- Village of Glen Ellyn
- World Relief
- YMCA

Our graduates have held varied positions within these organizations including, executive directors, policy research analysts, police lieutenants, grants officers and human resources managers.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students complete a total of 13 courses (52 quarter hours). Eleven course (44 quarter hours) of core course work and two courses (8 quarter hours) of electives are required.

Core Courses (11 courses, 44 quarter hours)

MPS 500	Introduction to Public Service Management
MPS 501	Cross Sector Analysis
MPS 541	Economic Foundations
MPS 542	Policy Design and Analysis
MPS 543	Policy Implementation
MPS 546	Advocacy and Lobbying
MPS 563	Law and Public Policy
MPS 586	Research Methods I: Introduction to Applied Research and Statistics
MPS 587	Research Methods II: Advanced Applied Research and Statistics
MPS 593	Integrative Seminar
MPS 594	Ethical Leadership in Public Service

Thesis Option

MPS 598 Thesis Research
Students with a GPA of 3.5 or above may choose the thesis option and replace MPS 593 with MPS 598.

Elective Courses

Students choose one course from each of the two elective groups below.

Urban Policy Group

MPS 572	Urban Poverty Seminar
MPS 573	Urban and Community Development

Comparative Policy Group

MPS 511	Sustainable International Development
MPS 575	Seminar in Administration: EU and NATO (Brussels)
MPS 604	Special Topics

Electronic portfolio requirement

Students are required to assemble an electronic portfolio that features notable papers and projects prepared in both required and elective courses. These portfolios, reviewed by a member of the faculty, provide an opportunity for the student to demonstrate expertise in a particular area of study while also supporting career goals.

Study abroad requirement

Students in the program are required to take at least ONE course abroad. The School of Public Service (SPS) offers programs in Brazil, Brussels, Ireland, Kenya and India. Please see the SPS website for current dates. These unique one to two week study abroad trips allow both full-time and part-time students to participate.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the leadership and policy studies program, students must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In addition, they must demonstrate, through past academic or professional work, a capacity for achievement.

To apply, please submit the following:

- A completed online application
- Official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended
- A personal statement (two pages) describing your educational and career goals, relevant work or volunteer experience, and any special circumstances affecting past or prospective academic performance
- A current résumé or curriculum vitae

Students educated outside the United States must present proof of English proficiency. A minimum TOEFL score of 590 (paper-based), 243 (computer-based), 96 (Internet-based) or a minimum 7.5 on the IELTS may be submitted for this requirement.

HOW TO APPLY

Online applications can be submitted at go.depaul.edu/apply. Application credentials can be submitted through the online application or by email to graddepaul@depaul.edu. Additionally, official electronic transcripts can be emailed to graddepaul@depaul.edu directly by the issuing institution. Please make sure your name is on all documents.

Transcripts and other required credentials also can be mailed to:

The Office of Graduate Admission

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
DePaul University
2400 N. Sheffield Ave.
Chicago, IL 60614

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Please note the information provided is current as of October 2015 and is subject to change.