

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY (BMPO)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Business / Public Policy

Abstract

The School of Public Policy is one of the nation's leading graduate programs devoted to the study of public policy, management and international affairs, with particular expertise in the fields of environmental policy, energy policy, international development, international security and economic policy, health policy, education policy, social policy, non-profit management, public management and leadership, acquisitions, and public finance. The School offers a wide variety of master's programs, joint degree programs, graduate certificate programs, and one of the nation's premier doctorate programs. The School's location just outside of Washington, D.C. attracts a stellar faculty of scholar-practitioners who are experts in the theory and practice of public policy and management and influential participants in the nation's policy-making process. The location and faculty in turn attract outstanding students by providing them, not only an in-depth, rich curriculum, but extensive exposure to and interaction with the real-life world of policy-making, the federal government, the international diplomatic community, state and local governments, and a host of non-governmental and multinational organizations. It is one of the few policy schools to combine state, national and international policy study under one roof, and to take into account policy interests in all sectors of the economy, thus allowing both faculty and students to study the full range of issues in all courses and in all research.

The Robert H. Smith School of Business offers graduate programs leading to the degrees of Master of Business Administration (MBA), Executive MBA (EMBA), Online MBA, Master of Finance, Master of Science in Accounting (MS), Master of Science in Information Systems (MS), Master of Science in Marketing Analytics (MS), Master of Science in Supply Chain Management (MS), Master of Science in Business and Management (MS), Master of Quantitative Finance, Master of Science in Business Analytics (MS), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). The school's MBA program is accredited nationally by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International). Only about 607 programs in the world are accredited by the AACSB, a reflection of the quality of the faculty, students, curriculum, and career management.

The Smith School of Business faculty has been recruited from the graduate programs of leading universities nationwide. They are world-renowned scholars whose teaching and research equips students with the wisdom of business scholarship rooted in the experiential lessons of the marketplace. In addition to mastering core functional business knowledge, Smith students develop sophisticated analytical skills and an "integrative" systems understanding of the way the functional aspects of organizations interact. Students learn how to leverage big data for better decision-making, and explore their career options in a tight-knit community that encourages intelligent risk-taking, not cutthroat competition. Class sizes are small and the faculty are supportive, challenging and invested in student success.

CONTACT

The Smith School of Business has available brochures that give specific degree requirements for the MBA, EMBA, and MS Programs. Program

information is available online at <http://www.rhsmith.umd.edu> (<http://www.rhsmith.umd.edu/>). Initial inquiries should be directed to:

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ADMISSIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Essay
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Letter of Recommendation (2)
- Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) - optional
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) - optional
- CV/Resume

An applicant needs to be admitted to both schools in order to enroll in this program.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline
Domestic Applicants	
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	August 7, 2026
International Applicants	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	March 13, 2026

RESOURCES AND LINKS:

Other Deadlines: rhsmith.umd.edu/apply (<https://www.rhsmith.umd.edu/apply/>)

Program Website: rhsmith.umd.edu/programs (<https://www.rhsmith.umd.edu/programs/>)

Application Process: gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying/>)

School of Public Policy: www.publicpolicy.umd.edu/graduate/masters
(<http://www.publicpolicy.umd.edu/graduate/masters/>)

REQUIREMENTS

- Business Administration and Public Policy, Master of Business Administration and Master of Public Policy (dual degree) (M.B.A. and M.P.P.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/business-administration-public-policy-bmpo/business-administration-public-policy-dual-degree-mba-mpp/>)