

PUBLIC POLICY AND LAW (LMPO)

Graduate Degree Program
College: 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.

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ADMISSIONS

General Requirements

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

Program-Specific Requirements

- Letters of Recommendation (2)
- CV/Resume
- Supplementary Application (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2023-05/umdsupplementaryapplicationplcy2020.pdf>)

- JD application: Law School (JD) Requirements: applicants should check with the University of Maryland Law School (<https://www.law.umaryland.edu/>). Applicants must apply to the M.P.P. and law programs separately and be accepted by both programs.

For more admissions information or to apply to the program, please visit our Graduate School website (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying/>).

Application Deadlines

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline	Summer Deadline
Domestic Applicants			
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	May 15, 2026	December 5, 2025	N/A
International Applicants			
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	March 13, 2026	September 30, 2025	N/A

Other Deadlines: Please visit the program website at <http://www.publicpolicy.umd.edu>

REQUIREMENTS

- Public Policy and Law, Master of Public Policy and Juris Doctorate (dual degree) (M.P.P. and J.D.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/public-policy-law-lmpo/public-policy-law-dual-degree-mpp-jd/>)