

**MS
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(1-YEAR STEM* PROGRAM)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC POLICY

As data becomes increasingly available to the public service arena, talented policy analysts are needed more than ever before. This rigorous, one-year program will deepen your skills to critically assess and communicate data. Building from your existing academic and quantitative skills, the program is uniquely designed to apply classroom learning to real-world experience through intensive coursework, a hands-on studio project, and an internship in your field of interest. You'll understand how to effectively analyze and address the most pressing public service challenges of our time—so you can make your impact on the world.

*Designated as a 1-year STEM Econometrics and Quantitative Economics degree

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“I came to NYU Wagner because I felt the coursework and faculty valued applied research—grounded in current, important questions relevant to policymakers and program administrators on the ground. Wagner seemed the best place for me to gain skills and knowledge toward [my] goals.”

Carolyn Gorman, MSPP 2021
Research Associate, JPMorgan Chase Institute



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Accelerated and intensive**
one-year curriculum in policy analysis, quantitative methods, and communication skills
- **Professional internship**
linked to your coursework, testing classroom skills and ideas against real-world experiences
- **Tight-knit and collaborative cohort**
within a broader school of public service
- **A powerful community**
that connects you with key organizations, contacts, and career opportunities worldwide
- **A culminating studio project**
that uses data as the basis for a policy brief

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

The unique curriculum blends policy analysis, management, quantitative methods, and communication skills. The program begins in August and ends the following August, and includes coursework in the January term. Students must be enrolled full time.

You'll graduate fully prepared to begin your policy career in any sector and field—including economic development, education, health, housing, and urban policy. You'll be ready to work for think tanks, policy consulting organizations, government agencies, foundations, and private sector companies—from New York City to cities and countries around the globe.



SAMPLE CURRICULUM

Students must complete a total of 42 credits to graduate.

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| SUMMER | <p>Methods and Microeconomics Intensive Summer intensive introducing quantitative methods and microeconomics</p> |
| FALL | <p>Introduction to Public Policy Fundamentals of analytic approaches to public policy</p> |
| | <p>Public Economics How to interpret economic analyses and predict the effects of financial activities</p> |
| | <p>Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis Introduction to key methods of quantitative policy analysis</p> |
| | <p>Financial Management Fundamentals of budgeting and accounting</p> |
| | <p>Communication Skills for the Policy Analyst How to effectively communicate public policy ideas to various stakeholders</p> |
| JANUARY | <p>Evaluating Programs and Policies</p> |
| | <p>Public Management I and II The basics of contemporary public management and the critical analysis skills necessary for practice</p> |
| SPRING | <p>The Practice of Work Two days per week internship in a policy role at an organization in NYC, plus supplemental experiential learning course</p> |
| | <p>Topic Electives</p> |
| | <p>Methods Electives</p> |
| SUMMER | <p>Applied Policy Analysis Seminar series and team projects that refine policy analysis skills</p> |
| | <p>Policy and Data Studio Individual hands-on project that tackles a real public service challenge: conduct in-depth research and analysis, write an issue brief, present your findings to a panel of experts</p> |

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- US bachelor's degree or equivalent
- Online application
- Essays
- Transcripts
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation
- GRE or GMAT (optional)
- \$85 application fee

Additional Requirements for International Applicants:

- Proof of English Language Proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo scores) is required if the bachelor's degree was not conducted in English
- International Credential Evaluation is required for applicants who earned their degree outside of the US or Canada

ELECTIVES

Electives are selected from an approved list of quantitative methods and topic electives. Topic electives can be clustered into specific policy areas (such as housing; education; health; transportation; international development; and inequality, race, and poverty).