MSPP

(1-YEAR STEM* PROGRAM)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC POLICY

As data becomes increasingly available to the public service arena, the need for talented policy analysts is greater than ever. This one-year program enhances your ability to critically evaluate and communicate data. Leveraging your existing academic and quantitative skills, it combines intensive coursework, a practical studio project, and an internship tailored to your interests. You will learn to effectively tackle key public service challenges, enabling you to make a significant impact.

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

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."

Carolyn Gorman (MSPP 2021)



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **An accelerated and intensive** one-year curriculum focused on policy analysis, quantitative methods, and communication skills.
- **A professional internship** linked to your coursework, allowing you to test classroom skills and ideas against real-world experiences.
- **A 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 MS in Public Policy program begins in August and concludes the following August, including coursework during the January term. Students must enroll full-time.

Upon graduating from this program, you'll be prepared to launch your policy career across various sectors and fields, such as economic development, education, health, housing, and urban policy.

You'll be equipped to work with think tanks, policy consulting firms, government agencies, foundations, and private companies, whether in New York City or globally.

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SAMPLE CURRICULUM

Students must complete a total of 42 credits to graduate.

SUMMER	**Methods and Microeconomics Intensive** Summer intensive introducing quantitative methods and microeconomics.
FALL	**Introduction to Public Policy** Fundamentals of analytic approaches to public policy.
	Statistical Methods II: Multiple Regression and Introduction to Econometrics Introduction to key methods of quantitative policy analysis.
	Public Economics How to interpret economic analyses and predict the effects of financial activities.
	Financial Management Fundamentals of budgeting and accounting.
	Communication Skills for the Policy Analyst How to effectively communicate public policy ideas to various stakeholders.
	Evaluating Programs and Policies Introduction to common tools for evaluating programs, services, and policies.
JANUARY	**Public Management I and II** An overview of contemporary public management and the critical analysis skills necessary for practice.
SPRING	**The Practice of Work** A two-day-per-week internship in a policy role at an organization in NYC, plus a supplemental experiential learning course.
	Estimating Impacts in Policy Research An advanced course for students who plan to become policy analysts.
	Topic Electives
	Methods Electives
SUMMER	**Applied Policy Analysis** Seminar series and team projects that refine policy analysis skills.
	Policy and Data Studio Hands-on project addressing a real public service challenge through research, analysis, an issue brief, and a presentation to an expert panel.

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).

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- Bachelor's degree or U.S. equivalent
- Online application
- Essays
- Transcripts
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation
- GRE or GMAT (optional)
- Video essay (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.

ALUMNI CAREERS

- Policy Advisor, New York City Mayor's Office of Operations
- Data Science Associate, JP Morgan Chase
- Government Affairs Associate, Bolton-St Johns
- Research Associate, Action Research
- Senior Policy Specialist, Deloitte
- Doctoral Researcher, George Washington University (Public Policy)

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