

Master of Public Policy Program

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- Mission: At the convergence of fields of social work, urban planning, and policymaking, we cultivate leaders and change agents.
- Interdisciplinary Approach
- Commitment to Research, Education, and Public Service



The UCLA MPP: Becoming a Policy Leader

- **Goal**: To equip students with the knowledge and skills for effective policy analysis and leadership.
- **Emphasis**: Rigorous quantitative training and real-world applications.
- **Modality:** 2-year in-residence, full-time program (~50 hrs/week)
- **Professional Degree**
- **Interdisciplinary**
- **Requirements**: Coursework, Internship & Capstone Project



MPP Concurrent Degrees

- MPP-MBA (3 yrs)
- MPP-MPH (3 yrs)
- MPP-MD (4-5 yrs)
- MPP-JD (4 yrs)
- MPP-MSW (3 yrs)









MPP Curriculum

Requirements: Coursework + Internship + Capstone Project

Year	Fall Quarter	Winter Quarter	Spring Quarter
1st Year	PP 201: Microecon I PP 203: Stats Methods I Elective (4)	PP 204: Microecon I PP 208: Stats Methods I Elective (6)	PP 202: Politics & Policymaking PP 210: Policy Analysis Elective (8)
2nd Year	PP 298A: APP I Elective (12)	PP 298B: APP II PP 298C: APP III Elective (8)	PP 2983D: APP IV PP 298E: APP V PP 496: Internship Elective (4)

Required Course: 36 units / 12 courses

Elective Courses: 42 units / 11 courses

Total Required: **78 graduate units**

Experiential Learning: Internship

- Internship: 400 hour work in public policy setting (quantitative analysis, evaluation and assessment, advocacy, consulting, marketing, think-tank, etc.)
  - OMB, GAO
  - U.S. Department of Education
  - U.S. Department of Treasury
  - Motorola, Inc.
  - Liberty Hill Foundation
  - Little Tokyo Services Center
  - Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF - LA)
  - Greenlining Institute
  - PricewaterhouseCoopers
  - United Way Los Angeles
  - U.S. Embassy, Cairo, Egypt
  - Los Angeles City Council
  - Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy
  - CBS News – 48 Hours



Experiential Learning: Applied Policy Project

- Capstone: Applied Policy Project
  - Partnership with clients in a real-world setting
  - Conduct a detailed investigation of a real policy problem facing the client
  - Develop evidence-based and actionable recommended solutions
  - Policy analysis => implementation

MPP Concentrations and Certificates

Concentrations:

- Economic Policy
- Education Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Health Policy
- Immigration Policy
- Labor Policy
- AI & Technology Policy
- And more

Certificates:

- Leadership in Sustainability
- Data Analytics
- More to come!

International and Domestic Exchange Programs

- GraSPP, University of Tokyo in Tokyo, Japan
- Hertie School in Berlin, Germany
- University of Geneva in Geneva, Switzerland
- Sciences Po in Paris, France
- RAND Think Tank in Santa Monica, CA

Student Organizations

- Public Policy Leadership Association
- Student Groups
  - Asian American Pacific Islander Student Caucus (AAPI), Black Caucus, Bruins 4 Recovery Group, Christian Caucus, Disability Caucus, Diversity Caucus, Feminist Caucus, Gerontology Caucus, Latina/o Student Caucus, PRIDE at UCLA Luskin, Self-Care Caucus, Social Justice/Community Action Caucus, Spirituality Caucus, Underground Scholars Initiative at UCLA

Program Services & Student Resources

Prospective Students

- Assistance w/ the application process
  - Statement peer reviews
  - Resume peer reviews
  - Strategic Counseling
  - Virtual Summer Workshops
  - Fairs

Current Students

- Faculty Advisor
- Graduate Advisor
- Academic Tutors
- Math Camp
- Career Center/OSAAR

Admissions Requirements



Academic Requirement:
Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college/university

GPA: 3.0+



2 Statements:
1 Statement of Purpose
2 Personal History Statement



Transcript:
Unofficial transcript from UG required.
International Applicants - submit diplomas and certificate of completion as proof of eligibility



Standardized Test:
GRE optional for domestic.
GRE required for International applicants.
TOEFL/IELTS required for international applicants.
Scores must be < 5 yrs old.



Resume/CV:
Showcase your education, work experience, leadership and honors



3 Letters of Recommendation:
1 academic letter (professor)
2 professional letter (supervisor/preceptor)



Supplemental Documentation:
Academic Preparation Form
GPA Worksheet (only for domestic applicants)

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM SPECIFIC APPLICATION

Instructions for applicants:

Please review each of the below academic categories and compare them to the courses you have taken at the university/collegiate level, or at the high school Advanced Placement level. Tally the total number of courses that you have taken for each category. For a class to count for a particular category, the title of the course should contain one of the listed subcategories. If you feel you took a class that's very similar to the subcategories provided, please include it.

Advanced Mathematics-
Subcategories: Calculus, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, Analysis, AP Calculus

Statistics-
Subcategories: Statistics, Probability, AP Statistics, Causal Inference, Machine Learning

Economics-
Subcategories: Economics, Econometrics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Game Theory, AP Economics

Computer Science-
Subcategories: Computer Science, Programming, Data Science, Machine Learning, AP Computer Science

Research Methods-
Subcategories: Research Methods

Details of Quantitative Preparation Courses

For each course you counted in the section above, provide the details below for that course.

Course Category 1

Course Number 1

Course Title 1

Institution Name 1

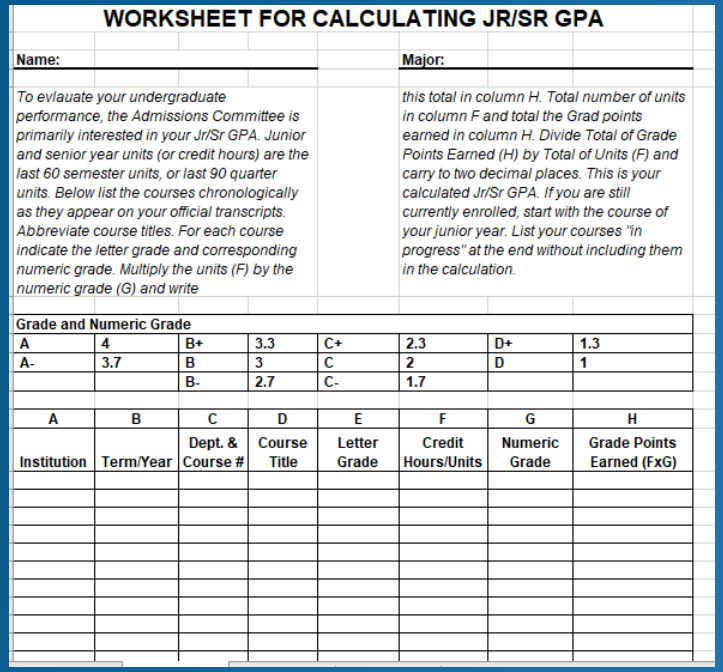
Term and Year Completed 1

Grade Earned 1

AP Exam Score 1

Course Units 1

GPA Worksheet (Only for Applicants with Domestic Degrees)



WORKSHEET FOR CALCULATING JR/SR GPA

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Grade and Numeric Grade							
A	4	B+	3.3	C+	2.3	D+	1.3
A-	3.7	B	3	C	2	D	1
		B-	2.7	C-	1.7		

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UCLA	FA21	PubPol 255	Research in Public Policy	A	4.00	4.00	16.00
UCLA	FA21	PubPol 200	Intro to Policy stats	B+	4.00	3.30	13.20

The Admissions Timeline

- Priority Application Deadline: December 1, 2026
  - Guaranteed to be considered for funding
- First Admissions Decisions Released: Early February, 2027
- Funding Decisions Released: Late February, 2027
- Final Application Deadline: April 15, 2027
- Deadline to Accept Funding Offers: April 15, 2027

Program Tuition & Fees (AY 26-27)

FEE NAME	RESIDENT	NONRESID...
Tuition	13,722.00	13,722.00
Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST)	13,086.00	13,959.00
Nonresident Supplemental Tuition (NRST)		12,245.00
Student Services Fee	1,344.00	1,344.00
UCGPC Fee	7.00	7.00
Graduate Writing Center Fee	23.14	23.14
Graduate Opportunities and Leadership Development (GOLD) Fee	39.00	39.00
Graduate Students Association Fee	38.25	38.25
UC Student Health Insurance Plan (UCSHIP)	7,516.98	7,516.98
Ackerman Student Union Fee	81.00	81.00
BruinGo Universal Access Transit Pass	36.39	36.39
Student Programs, Activities, and Resources Complex (SPARC) Fee	150.00	150.00
Student Seismic Fee	113.00	113.00
Wooden Center Fee	45.00	45.00
BruinFresh Fee	15.00	15.00
Continuing student total mandatory fees	**$36,216.76**	**$49,334.76**
Document Fee	97.43	97.43
New student total mandatory fees	**$36,314.19**	**$49,432.19**

Funding Opportunities

- Merit based scholarships
- Need-based Scholarships
- UCLA Division of Graduate Education Funding
- Luskin School of Public Affairs Fellowships/Funding
- Dept of Public Policy Funding
- Working on Campus (TA/GSR)
- Private Loans
- Federal Loans

Careers in Public Policy

Nonprofit	Government	Private Sector	Research Centers
• Feminist Majority Foundation • Social Policy Research Assoc. • Conrad N. Hilton Foundation • Kaiser Foundation Health Plan • Directors Guild of America • ETI Consulting • Milken Institute • LA Area Chamber of Commerce • Southern CA Grantmakers	• Riverside City Government • Fresno Education Board • PMF - Dept. of Transportation • PMF - Dept. of Interior • PMF - Dept. of Justice • Los Angeles City Council • City LA Human Relations Commission • U.S. Coast Guard • GAO • Japan Ministry of Telecom • LAUSD	• Fox Television • Booz-Allen & Hamilton • Microsoft • Lee Andrews Group • BizRate.com • Nike • Nextel • Price Waterhouse Coopers, LLC • VA Healthcare Systems	• Mathematica, Inc. • Harvard Family Research • Global Windows China Project • UCLA Dept. of Family Medicine • UCLA Center of Health Policy • UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families & Communities • Lewis Center for Regional Studies

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