

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
	Public Economics How to interpret economic analyses and predict the effects of financial activities
	Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis Introduction to key methods of quantitative policy analysis
	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
JANUARY	Public Management I and II The basics of contemporary public management and the critical analysis skills necessary for practice
SPRING	The Practice of Work Two days per week internship in a policy role at an organization in NYC, plus supplemental experiential learning course
	Topic Electives
	Methods Electives
SUMMER	Applied Policy Analysis Seminar series and team projects that refine policy analysis skills
	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

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, Botton-St Johns
- Research Associate, Action Research
- Senior Policy Specialist, Deloitte
- PhD Researcher, George Washington University (Public Policy)