



## B.A. Public Policy and Master of Public Policy 4+1 Program

*Public Policy majors interested in a professional degree for analyzing, evaluating, and solving all aspects of policy may apply to the accelerated Master of Public Policy (MPP). As analysts and managers, MPP graduates work with quantitative and qualitative data to develop, assess, and evaluate alternative approaches to current and emerging issues. Students complete both the B.A. and the MPP in five years.*

### Program Requirements

- Students in the 4+1 program will complete the requirements of the B.A. in Public Policy.
  - With an advisor, students develop a plan of study which incorporates 15 credits of graduate level courses to dual count toward the B.A. in Public Policy and the MPP.
- Upon completion of the B.A., 4+1 students continue in the graduate program for one more year of coursework to complete the MPP (42 total graduate credits are required).

### Policy Specializations

In addition to a core foundational curriculum focusing on policy analysis and research methods, MPP students take 9 credits of electives in a policy area of interest. Students can choose courses in the Biden School and/or throughout the University. Students may choose a policy specialization below or develop a custom specialization in consultation with their advisor:

- Urban Policy
- Emergency Management
- Health Policy
- Social Policy

### Application Procedure

- Students interested in the 4+1 program should speak with a Biden School academic advisor to discuss individual study plans. General program questions may be directed to the Academic Support Coordinator (*refer to contact information below*).
- With 60 undergraduate credits, (including UAPP110, UAPP225, and UAPP325), students with a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above may apply for the 4+1 program through the Graduate College website at <https://grad.udel.edu/>.
  - Students should apply for the program in the **first semester of the junior year**.
  - The GRE is required and should be taken by December of the junior year (*may* be waived for students with a GPA above 3.5. Waiver must be requested in application).
- The following documents are required in support of the application:
  - Three letters of recommendation
  - Official transcripts
  - Statement of interests and objectives
  - Current Resume
  - 4+1 Graduate Course Approval Form
  - Biden School Supplementary Form

### Contact Information

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## Professional Development Opportunities

Through coursework and experiential learning, MPP students develop the leadership, analytical, and problem-solving skills critical to competent, values-based decision-making in diverse and changing environments.

Students say that the experience they gain is the one of the best aspects of their graduate study. Students learn and put into practice knowledge about government/nonprofit sector organizations and transferable skills such as budgeting, performance measurement, statistics, policy research/analysis, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to serve and contribute to the public good. Visit <https://www.bidenschool.udel.edu/research-public-service/research-public-service-centers> for more information on the opportunities below and many others.

- Research Assistantships
- Internships
- Public Administration/Policy Fellows
- Summer Undergraduate Public Policy Fellows
- Legislative Fellows
- Judicial Fellows
- Legislative Researcher Program
- Local Government Management Fellows

**Research Assistantships** allow competitively selected students to engage in real-world projects, working side by side faculty and professional staff while receiving stipend pay and tuition support.

**Internships**—paid work experiences that have academic and professional value—are typically completed by students between their senior year and graduate year of the 4+1 program.

**Legislative Fellows Program** offers selected students the opportunity to work directly with legislators to conduct nonpartisan, in-depth research on critical issues facing the state such as education reform and juvenile justice. In addition to gaining unparalleled experience, Legislative Fellows earn a competitive stipend.

**Local Government Management Fellows Program** allows competitively selected students to work alongside municipal leaders and attend high-level meetings to gain exposure to current local government issues, conduct research on best practices, recommend solutions, and draft management reports.

**Competitive research assistantship and fellowships allow students to gain real-world experience and networking opportunities that position them ahead of other job seekers, receive a scholarship covering most of their tuition (90%), and earn a generous stipend (\$20,000).**

### Student Spotlight: Jamie Forrest

As part of a project team, Jamie provides leadership for College Application Month, a statewide initiative that focuses on assisting students in every Delaware public high school to apply to college. She is responsible for overseeing and coordinating volunteers (typically more than 100 volunteers for nearly 300 shifts), preparing materials and trainings, and providing hands-on assistance to students. She also supports the English and Math Remediation Subcommittees of the state's P-20 Council by conducting policy research (e.g., comparing expectations and standards for high school English courses to introductory courses offered by state institutions of higher learning). In addition, she staffs the College and Career Readiness Working Group in support of the state's Gear Up initiative by assisting with the planning of a Student Success Conference and preparing needs assessments and grant applications. Jamie also conducts research on education policy issues such as career and technical education and afterschool programming.

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