MPP @ UNC 2021

The Master of Public Policy (MPP) received approval from the UNC Board of Governors in July 2021, the inaugural MPP in the UNC System. Public Policy will offer an accelerated dual bachelor’s-graduate degree. The plan is to have the graduate degree open for admissions in the fall 2021 semester for a summer/fall 2022 start. Students will begin taking graduate MPP courses in the spring 2022 semester as they complete their undergraduate degree.

Why and What?

The MPP offers a professional degree to a new generation of public-spirited Carolina undergraduates. Too many UNC graduates go on to enroll in a two-year MPP elsewhere. The significant cost-of-attendance difference between UNC-CH and private and public university peers will offer a high quality and affordable opportunity for students. For example, the Duke 2-year MPP cost of attendance is $49,780 per year. That’s near $100,000 for the degree.

MPP (48 credits)

The MPP degree requires 48 credits. It is possible to complete the requirements for dual bachelor’s-graduate degree within eight semesters and two additional semesters of study (and one summer), respectively. The MPP includes a summer seminar/internship experience. New UNC Graduate School’s dual degree policies allow 12 credits/hours of double counting/crossover of bachelor’s credits and master’s credits. Most of the double counting of credits will take place during second semester of senior year.

Admissions (Fall 2021)

- Bachelor’s degree requirements must be fulfilled by May 2022.
- Applicants for the BA-BS/MPP dual degree must either be a public policy major or minor or complete ECON 101, PLCY 210; PLCY 460 and PLCY 581.
- The official application to the MPP will be in the fall of the student’s fourth year.
- The dual program will waive the GRE and graduate school application fee.
- Applicants will request an on-line faculty recommendation.

Tuition, Fees and Financial Aid

The current one-year MPP tuition would be $10,522 (plus School-Based Tuition) for residents and $28,844 (plus SBT) for non-residents. Financial aid and assistantship decisions would be made in Spring. The final tuition amount is contingent on BOT and BOG approval.²

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¹ [https://gradschool.unc.edu/policies/faculty-staff/program-development/bachelors-grad/programs.html](https://gradschool.unc.edu/policies/faculty-staff/program-development/bachelors-grad/programs.html)