



UNC MPP Curriculum (Approved September 1, 2021)

The Master of Public Policy (MPP) requires 48 credit hours. The UNC Graduate School allows up to 12 credits/hours of double counting/crossover of bachelor's credits and master's credits. UNC Public Policy will initially offer an accelerated dual bachelor's-graduate degree (BA/BS-MPP).

*Non-PLCY major/minors should take ECON 101, PLCY 210/210H, PLCY 460 & PLCY 581.

The MPP requires 48 credits:

- (8) core MPP courses (26 credits, inclusive of a final project experience).
- (3) Track courses
 - Track A—Policy Design & Innovation (9 credits).
 - Track B—Policy Design & Impact (9 credits).
- (1) communication (strategic or visual) course (3 credits).
- (1) management/consulting course (3 credits).
- (2) elective/field courses (6 credits).
- (1) MPP professional development/internship seminar (1-2 credit).
- (1) Maymester MPP Seminar (3 credits)

The accelerated dual bachelor's-graduate degree requires an internship and a *Maymester* seminar. Students should complete the required internship during the summer (preferably) or fall and spring semester (if necessary). The internship allows students to gain experience and apply their knowledge to significant problems in the public, private, or non-profit sectors. MPP students also apply analytical and professional skills in a final individual policy project.

Table 1: Sample sequence of accelerated dual bachelor's-graduate degree, YR 4-5

Year 4	Course No.	Course Title	Required (Y/N)	Brief Description (If New Course)
Fall		Major/Minor/Prereq. Requirement		Undergraduate
Fall	PLCY 691 or PLCY 698	Senior Honor's Thesis or Senior Capstone		Undergraduate
Fall		Major, Minor <u>or</u> Elective		Undergraduate
Fall		Graduate Elective/Field (400+)		Graduate Elective/Field (400+)
Spring	PLCY 710 (3)	Introduction to Discipline & Practice of Public Policy	Y	MPP CORE
Spring	PLCY 715 (3)	Data Science and Public Policy	Y	MPP CORE
Spring	HBEH/PLCY 748 (3) or MHCH 862 (3)	Design Thinking for the Public Good <u>or</u> Program Impact Evaluation	Y	Track 1 or 2
Spring	PLCY 692 (3) PLCY 698 (3)	PLCY Honors Thesis or Senior Capstone or Graduate Field Elective (400+)		

BA/BS Graduation (May)

Note:

120 credits minimum required for the UNC-CH bachelor's degree.

*Under new UNC-CH Graduate School policy, (12) credits/hours of double counting/crossover of bachelor's credits and master's credits is allowed.

Year 5	Course No.	Course Title	Required (Y/N)	Brief Description (If New Course)
Fall	PLCY 720 (4)	Economic Analysis for Public Policy (Public Finance)	Y	MPP CORE
Fall	GLBL/PLCY 750 (3)	Quantitative & Qualitative Methods for Social Sciences/Policy Research	Y	MPP CORE
Fall	PLCY 725 (3)	Politics and Influencing Policy: US and Global Perspectives	Y	MPP CORE
Fall	(3)	Design/Innovation <u>or</u> Design/Impact	Y	Track 1 or 2
Fall	(3)	Field/Elective (700+) Communication Management/Consulting	Y	
Spring	PLCY 730 (3)	Ethics and Public Policy	Y	MPP CORE
Spring	PLCY 790 (3)	Design/Innovation Design/Impact	Y	Track 1 or 2
Spring	(3)	Communication Management/Consulting	Y	
Spring	(3)	Field/Elective	Y	(2) 700+ elective
Spring	PLCY 992 (3)	PLCY MPP Project	Y	MPP CORE
Spring	PLCY 701 (1-2)	MPP Professional Development Internship	Y	
Maymester	(3)	MPP Seminar: Cross-sector Leaders		

MPP Graduation (August)

UNC Graduate School Policies

The Graduate School Handbook (<https://handbook.unc.edu/>) contains most of the policies and procedures of The Graduate School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Students should become familiar with the material pertaining to their degree programs, and, together with their faculty advisors, make certain that the chosen program of study complies with all policies.

Graduate Grading

All master's and doctoral programs administered through The Graduate School operate under the same grading system. The graduate grading scale in use is unique in that it cannot be converted to the more traditional ABC grading scale. Graduate students do not carry a numerical GPA.

Grade Scale

Grading at the graduate level is intended to offer feedback to students on their performance in each course, including once students reach the thesis and dissertation stage. Faculty are encouraged to specify course requirements and grading expectations for students. Students enrolled in courses numbered 400 and above must receive one of the following grades.

Graduate Permanent Grades

- H** High Pass - Clear Excellence
- P** Pass - Entirely Satisfactory Graduate Work
- L** Low Pass - Inadequate Graduate Work
- F** Fail

Special Permanent Grades

- F*** Fail-Administratively Assigned; equivalent to F
- NG** No grade assigned; administratively assigned only
- XF** Fail-Honor Court hearing outcome; equivalent to F