The MPP requires 48 credits

- (8) core MPP courses (26 credits, inclusive of a Maymester seminar & individual project experience).
- (3) Track courses
  - (3) Track A—Policy Design & Innovation (9 credits).
  - (3) Track B—Policy Design & Impact Evaluation (9 credits).
- (1) communications (strategic or visual) course (3 credits).
- (1) management/leadership course (3 credits).
- (2) elective/field courses* (6 credits) (400+; 700+**)
- (1) MPP professional development seminar (1 credit).

Track A: HBEH/PLCY 748; PLCY 790 or HPM 890; (1) Innovation for Public Good course.¹

Track B: HBEH/PLCY 748; PLCY 745 (Mixed-Methods and Program Evaluation); and (1) quantitative or qualitative course or MHCH 862; PLCY 882; and (1) Impact Evaluation course.

*Field/elective areas: Education and Labor Markets; Environment and Human Welfare; Innovation and Entrepreneurship; Business and Public Policy; Social Policy, Inequality and Social Entrepreneurship; Health Policy, Bioethics, and Human Rights; International Development Policy; Global Conflict and Cooperation.

**Only one graduate elective/field (400-600) prior to year 5. You can choose to take this course in year 4 (fall or spring senior year) or submit an elective that you’ve taken in a previous semester. Please list the name/number of the elective, semester enrolled, and the field area you are most interested in pursuing. The second graduate field elective must be 700+.

Sample plan:

**Year 4 (up to 12 credits)**

Fall
- Graduate Elective/Field (400+)

Spring
- PLCY 710 Introduction to Discipline & Practice of Public Policy (Core)
- PLCY 725 Politics, Advocacy, and Public Policy (Core)

¹ [https://innovate.unc.edu/carolina-graduate-certificate-in-innovation-for-the-public-good/](https://innovate.unc.edu/carolina-graduate-certificate-in-innovation-for-the-public-good/)
Year 5

Fall (17 credits)
- **PLCY 720** Economic Analysis for Public Policy (Public Finance) (Core)
- **GLBL/PLCY 750** Quantitative/Qualitative Methods for Social Sciences/Policy Research (Core)
- Track A: Design/Innovation or Track B: Design/Impact
- Field /Elective (700+)
- Strategic/Visual Communications or Management
- **PLCY 701** Professional Development Seminar I

Spring (16-17* credits)
- **PLCY 715** Data Science and Public Policy (Core)
- **PLCY 730** Ethics and Public Policy (Core)
- Track A: Design/Innovation or Track B: Design/Impact
- Strategic/Visual Communications or Management
- **PLCY 992** PLCY MPP Individual Project (Core)
- **PLCY 702** Professional Development Seminar II (1 additional credit)*

Summer/Maymester (3 credits)
- **PLCY 795** Leading for Impact Across Sectors (Core)

**August Graduation** (48 Total Credits)