

PhD in Economics and Master in Public Policy (PhD/MPP)

Time required: 45 units beyond PhD requirements.

Requirements for admission: Admission to and matriculation in the Stanford PhD program in Economics. Consent of the Department of Economics.

Admission process: PhD/MPP admissions applications are forwarded from the Economics Department. The Graduate Program in Public Policy will make rolling admissions decisions based on the student's original application materials and subsequent performance, if any, at Stanford. There is an interim cap of 40 students admitted per year for the graduate public policy program as a whole.

Purpose: To provide Stanford PhD students in economics an opportunity to become more sophisticated consumers and commissioners of public policy analysis within the context of their careers as professional economists.

Structure: The PhD/MPP program has five elements. The first consists of the first-year PhD program as currently structured and described in the *Bulletin* and elsewhere. The second consists of 45 units or more of MPP core applied skills in economics, quantitative methods, organizational behavior, social psychology, political science, political philosophy, ethics, and law, some of which will have been acquired as part of the PhD core. The third element consists of in-depth study of an applied field or fields of relevance both to economics and to policy analysis. The fourth element consists of an interdisciplinary practicum, where teams of four to five students from diverse disciplines attack practical policy problems. The final element is the PhD dissertation.

Start date (classes): September 2007

Administration: The Program will be administered by SIEPR on behalf of H&S, on the same terms as the undergraduate program in public policy. The degree requirements and curriculum are established jointly by the Department and the Program.

Advising: Each PhD/MPP student will have a faculty adviser in the Department and another chosen from among the MPP associated faculty.

MPP Joint Degree Program for Economics PhD Students

The Department offers a joint Masters in Public Policy degree jointly with the Graduate Public Policy Program administered by the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research on behalf of the School of Humanities and Sciences. A student in the PhD program may acquire an MPP by applying to the Public Policy Program and completing its curriculum requirements.

Acceptance into the joint program is not automatic. Application requires the consent of the Director of Graduate Studies in Economics.

All applicants must satisfy University residency requirements for the degree and are responsible for consulting with the Department or the Financial Aid Office about the effects of the proposed program on their current funding. General University requirements for the master's degree are described in the "Graduate Degrees" section of the *Bulletin*.

Only students admitted to one of Stanford's graduate or professional degree programs are eligible for admission to the MPP program. A joint PhD (Economics)/MPP is a separate and unique degree, with its own degree requirements, established jointly by the Economics Department and the Program. Failure to satisfy these requirements for any reason means that a student must complete the separate and distinct requirements for a PhD in economics in order to earn that degree.

The joint Masters in Public Policy is designed to provide training in interdisciplinary policy analysis for students enrolled in professional and doctoral degree programs at Stanford University. It gives these graduate students the benefits of a rigorous interdisciplinary course of study, which complements their main degree program. Graduate and professional students from the Schools of Law and Education, and the Graduate School of Business, as well as other Departments of the School of Humanities and Sciences, participate in the program. The MPP degree is a two-year (90 unit) program, but PhD students in economics can complete the degree by taking as few as 45 units beyond those required for the PhD. Another 45 units must consist of course work acceptable to both programs. The Director of Graduate Studies in Economics and the Director of the Public Policy Program maintain samples of coordinated program schedules. Each PhD student's proposed joint program must be approved in advance by the Director of Graduate Studies in Economics as well as the director of the Public Policy Program.

MPP students who, through previous studies, have equipped themselves at the appropriate level with one or more of the required graduate public policy skills, will be required to substitute for the corresponding public policy course(s) either an advanced course in the same skill or a course in a different subject approved in advance by the public policy director.

Department of Economics MPP Concentration in Applied Microeconomics

Students in the MPP degree programs elect one or more concentrations offered by various Schools and Departments of the University. The Department of Economics offers an MPP Concentration in Applied Microeconomics. Most economics PhD students will select this concentration in order to complete the joint program in the shortest time. The concentration program of each student must be approved in advance by the director of graduate studies and by the MPP Program director. Students from outside the Economics Department should consult with the Department about prerequisites for these courses.

Typical Economics PhD/MPP program:

	Units toward Econ PhD	Units toward MPP	Total units
First year courses Economics 202, 203, 204, 210, 211, 212, 270, 271, 272	45	20	45
Second year courses MPP core courses, except microeconomics and quantitative methods MPP concentration courses in economics also satisfying Econ PhD specialization and distribution requirements*	10	≥35***	≥45
Third year courses MPP concentration courses in economics also satisfying Econ PhD specialization and distribution requirements* MPP practicum ** Other Economics courses	25 10	25 10	45
Fourth and later years: Dissertation research	TGR	TGR	TGR
Total	85	90	135

*Economics PhD requires 40 units (9 courses) of specialization and distribution, beyond the first-year courses.

** MPP requires 45 incremental units plus 45 units that also count toward Econ PhD

*** Econ PhD students need not take 3 courses in the MPP core: PP 201A, 203A, and 203B. The MPP core will include at least one unit of approved non-Economics advanced policy skills.

Note: The joint MPP degree requires at least 90 units creditable to public policy, of which at least 45 units is unduplicated.