

## **Joint Master of Business Administration and Master in Public Policy (MBA/MPP)**

**Time required:** 45 units beyond MBA requirements.

**Requirements for admission:** Admission to and matriculation in the Stanford MBA program.  
Consent of the director of the MBA program.

**Admission process:** MBA/MPP admissions applications are forwarded from the GSB to the MPP program. The MPP program makes 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 MBA students an opportunity to become more sophisticated consumers and commissioners of public policy analysis within the context of their careers as professional managers, with a specialization in public and not-for-profit management.

**Structure:** [Note: *The MBA curriculum is undergoing substantial revision. The joint program curriculum and requirements will be adjusted as needed after this revision is completed.*] The MBA/MPP program has four elements. The first consists of the first-year MBA program as currently structured and described in the *Bulletin* and elsewhere. The second consists of 45 or more units of MPP core 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 MBA core. The third element consists of in-depth study of public management, consisting of an approved selection of related courses offered by the GSB and accepted for the concentration requirement by the public policy program. The final element consists of an interdisciplinary practicum, where teams of four to five students from diverse disciplines attack practical policy problems.

**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 GSB and the Program.

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

## **MPP Joint Degree Program for Business School Students**

The Graduate School of Business (GSB) and the Graduate Program in Public Policy of the School of Humanities and Sciences (H&S) conduct a joint program leading to an MBA degree from the GSB and an MPP (Master in Public Policy) degree from H&S.

Students must be already admitted to or enrolled in the MBA program in order to apply to the joint-degree program. (Students applying to the MBA program will be given the opportunity to indicate their interest in the joint-degree program as part of their application.) Application may be made at any time before the end of the first year in the MBA program. Admission to the program requires joint approval by both the MBA Program Office and the H&S Graduate Public Policy Program.

All applicants must satisfy University residency requirements for the degree and are responsible for consulting with 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*.

The joint program will typically require three years (nine full terms, not including summers). In the first year, students will be enrolled full time in the GSB, satisfying all first-year requirements of the MBA program. Some electives are feasible during this first year, and students may choose to use those electives to begin their studies in Public Policy. Students will typically use their second year to complete basic requirements for the MPP. In the third year, students will typically take a mix of courses in both schools or, as their program permits, in other schools at Stanford.

The precise requirements of the joint degree program will be set jointly by the Faculty of the GSB and the Graduate Program in Public Policy in the School of Humanities and Sciences. In all cases, the joint degree will require at least 145 units of Stanford credit, at least 84 of which must be in the GSB and at least 45 in the MPP program. The sets of 84 and 45 may not be double counted—that is, the 45 MPP units may not be among the 84 units applied toward MBA requirements.

**Typical MBA/MPP program:**

	Units toward MBA	Units toward MPP	Total units
First year MBA courses	As required	—	As required
Second year MPP core courses, except 201A, 203A/B, plus adv. skills	—	35	45
MPP conc. courses in public mgmt or advanced skills	—	10	
Third year MPP conc. courses in public mgmt or advanced skills	35	35	As required
Practicum	—	10	
Remaining MBA requirements	As required	—	
Total	≥84 in GSB ≥100 Total	≥90	≥145

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