

## **Joint Master of Arts in International Policy Studies and Masters in Public Policy**

**Time required:** 136 units total

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

**Admission process:** MIPS/MPP applications are forwarded from the MIPS program to the MPP program. 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 MIPS students an opportunity to concentrate in an issue area that cuts across national and international policy arenas or to develop further specialized analytic skills.

**Structure:** Students electing a joint MIPS/MPP degree must complete the Public Policy core requirements, must complete all remaining requirements from the MIPS two-year degree program, and must present for approval by each program a comprehensive plan of study combining elements of one or more of the MPP concentrations relevant to international policy studies.

**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 IPS program and the Public Policy program.

**Advising:** Each MIPS/MPP student will have a faculty adviser in their area of specialization.

## Curriculum

### *Overview*

Students in the MIPS/MPP degree 1.) must fulfill all requirements of the MIPS two year degree; 2.) must fulfill all remaining requirements from the Public Policy core requirements; and 3.) must fulfill an approved course of study combining elements of one or more of the MPP concentrations relevant to international policy studies.

### I. MIPS requirements

The Masters of Arts in International Policy Studies has four components: 1.) core skills classes in policy analysis; 2.) core skills and background classes in international policy analysis; 3.) specialized courses in a sub-field concentration; and 4.) an applied policy research practicum. Students must complete 90 units of coursework for the MIPS.

### *Prerequisites*

Successful applicants to the MIPS program are expected to have completed courses in international economics, microeconomics, macroeconomics and post-calculus statistics. In order to graduate, students must show proficiency in a foreign language.

### *Course of Study*

1. Core Skills Classes in Policy Analysis (36 units)	Units
PP201A Microeconomics	4
PP203A Principles of research design and analysis: methods	4
PP204A Politics and collective action	4
PP207 Political philosophy and ethics	4
PP201B Cost-benefit analysis and evaluation	4
PP203B Principles of research design and analysis: tools	4
PP205A Judgment and decision-making	4
PP204B Organizations	4
PP205B Social Psychology	4
2. Extended core skills and classes in international policy analysis (14 units)	
IPS200 Major Issues in International Policy Studies*	1
IPS201 Managing Global Complexity*	3
IPS202 Topics in International Macroeconomics	
Or	5
IPS203 Topics in International Economics	
One designated writing and rhetoric course	5

- (from a menu of several specially designated seminars in IPS)
3. Concentration Courses (30 units)  
Students choose from among the following policy specializations:  
International Political Economy  
International Negotiation and Conflict Management  
International Security and Cooperation  
Global Health  
Global Justice  
Democracy, Development and Rule of Law  
Energy, Environment and Natural Resources

In each concentration students must take a designated gateway course (5 units) and 25 units of elective courses.

4. Practicum (10 units)  
The practicum is a capstone course in which students form teams to find solutions to real world problems.

## II. Remaining requirements from the Public Policy Core

MIPS/MPP students will additionally take the remaining required core courses of the public policy degree: PP 202A (Law), PP 202B (Law and economics) and PP 206 (Writing and rhetoric for policy audiences).

## III. Specialized Skills or Concentration

Students must present for approval by each program a comprehensive plan of study combining elements of one or more of the MPP concentrations relevant to international policy studies:

- Public Management
- Environmental Law and Policy
- International Development and Rule of Law
- Technology, Innovation and Public Policy
- Administrative Law and Regulation
- Tax Policy
- Transnational Legal Problems
- Employment and Labor Policy
- Applied Economics
- Poverty and Inequality
- Educational Policy
- Social Psychology