Nationwide, demand for graduates in public policy has been growing in response to the need for analysts and leaders who can operate within complex policy environments. The Master of Public Policy degree is one of the fastest-growing degree programs in graduate education - internationally, nationally, and regionally. With a focus on the acts of government rather than the practice or theory of government, the Hatfield School's cutting edge program is designed to meet the growing demand for public policy professionals in the public, non-profit, and private sectors.

The degree is built on the disciplinary foundations of the study of public policy within the fields of political science, public administration, and economics. The program takes advantage of the specialized policy strengths of other units in areas such as sustainability/environment, economics/finance, technology/innovation, health/social welfare, urban planning, and economic development.

The Master of Public Policy is a two-year, full time (longer if part-time) masters program of 61 credits. Coursework consists of a first-year core curriculum in policy leadership, analysis, and process (31 credits), and a second-year curriculum composed of policy tracks (12 credits), policy specializations (12 credits), a summative project (3 credits), and a professional development plan (3 credits).

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