



School of Public Policy



School of Public Policy at a Glance

Dynamic. Rigorous. Respected. The School of Public Policy at George Mason University is engaged in research, dialogue, and problem solving with policymakers at the global, federal, state, regional, and local levels—all in an effort for students and professionals to make positive changes in the world.

Founded as an institute in 1990 and developed into a school in 2000, the School of Public Policy is now recognized as one of the largest, most diverse, and respected public policy schools in the country. Under the guidance of Dean Edward Rhodes, the School of Public Policy is poised to continue its tradition as an innovative institution.

Academic and Professional Programs

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Degrees

- Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy
- Master of Public Policy
- Master of Arts in International Commerce and Policy
- Master of Arts in Transportation Policy, Operations, and Logistics
- Master of Science in Organization Development and Knowledge Management
- Master of Science in Health and Medical Policy (Global Medical Policy Concentration)
- Master of Science in Peace Operations

Our Students and Alumni

Many students enroll part time while pursuing full-time careers. Most classes, primarily offered in the evening, are held on the conveniently located Arlington Campus, a few Metro stops from Washington, D.C. Total enrollment for fall 2010 was 996 graduate students (of whom 143 were doctoral students and 45 were nondegree students); 35 percent full-time, 72 percent in-state, and 11 percent nonresident alien. Our diverse student body includes citizens of numerous countries from throughout the world.

Of our alumni, 34 percent work in private industry, 37 percent are employed by the federal government, 21 percent work for nonprofits and nongovernmental organizations, while others work for state or local government, foreign government, or academia.

Our graduates work at such places as Booz Allen Hamilton, Citibank, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Government Accountability Office, RAND Corporation, the Rochester Institute of Technology, Science Application International Corporation, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. House of Representatives, World Bank, and the World Resources Institute.

Highlights

Affordable: Mason is a public university, offering reasonable tuition rates for a world-class education.

Flexible: Most classes are taught in the late afternoon and evening to accommodate working professionals.

Proximity: The School of Public Policy is located minutes from Washington, D.C.—the global capital of policymaking.

Skills-based Curriculum: Students learn the quantitative and qualitative research skills necessary to be an effective analyst or leader in policy decisions.

Experienced Faculty: The school's faculty includes experts from many fields, including political science, economics, anthropology, engineering, transportation, trade, national security, real estate, and more.

Multidimensional: Students study how politics, society, and technology affect the creation and implementation of public policies.

Diverse: The school includes students from a variety of countries, including Bosnia, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Mexico, Pakistan, South Korea, and Turkey.

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Our Faculty

Faculty members are engaged in regional, national, and global communities, and are consultants to government, business, and nonprofit clients. Professors have received grants from such distinguished organizations as the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Science Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. In addition, they are Fulbright Scholars and Mellon Fellowship recipients.

Research Centers

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Through dedicated research centers, faculty members harness the vast resources of the school and millions of dollars in grants to partner with leading businesses, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private foundations to prescribe solutions to societal issues.

Research centers at the School of Public Policy include the following:

- Center for Aerospace Policy Research
- Center for Emerging Market Policies
- Center for Energy Science and Policy
- Center for Entrepreneurship and Public Policy
- Center for Global Policy
- Center for Regional Analysis
- Center for Science and Technology Policy
- Center for the Study of International Medical Policies and Practices
- Center for Transportation Policy, Operations, and Logistics
- Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy
- International Center for Applied Studies in Information Technology
- State Economic Development Center
- Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center
- Transportation and Economic Development Research Center

Executive Education

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Executive education programs help professionals develop the specific understanding and skills necessary to succeed in today's rapidly changing environment.

These programs

- Are customized, designed for and with a specific client.
- Have open enrollment, offering opportunities to learn how to capitalize on emerging trends.
- Are degree programs for individuals, often sponsored by employers.

Highlights

Study Abroad: Opportunities are provided to study overseas. Previous programs have taken place in China, England, Mexico, South Africa, and Southeast Asia.

Student Services: The school's dedicated academic and career counselors hold workshops and conduct employer information sessions each semester with public, private, and nonprofit organizations.

Network: Almost 3,000 School of Public Policy alumni work across the nation and around the globe.

Executive Education: Taught by leading practitioners and academics, the school's executive education programs are customized for individual public- and private-sector organizations.

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