

PUBLIC POLICY (NON-THESIS) (M.P.P.) (45 CREDITS)

Offered by: School of Public Policy (Faculty of Arts)

Degree: MPP

Program credit weight: 45

Program Description

The Max Bell School of Public Policy's teaching program is a one-year Master of Public Policy; Non-Thesis, with a small student cohort to optimize learning and exchange. Combining courses in the theory of public policy with those covering the complexities of the real-world policy process, the program approaches today's most important policy issues in Canada and around the world from varied perspectives to prepare the next generation of policy leaders. The MPP program aims to place more emphasis than is usual in such programs on developing practical skills crucial to future policy leaders, including conflict resolution, persuasive writing, effective presentations and the briefing of officials.

The Master of Public Policy; Non-Thesis, is directed at early career professionals, normally with two to five years' professional experience, who are interested in developing expertise in the field of public policy. Recent graduates with an exceptional academic record will also be considered. A Bachelor's degree (or equivalent as recognized by McGill University) is required. The ideal applicant will have completed undergraduate courses in Political Science, Economics, Quantitative Methods, and/or Statistics.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Required Courses (21 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
PPOL 602	Microeconomics for Public Policy.	3
PPOL 604	Law and Policy.	3
PPOL 606	Experts, Science and Evidence.	3
PPOL 609	Reasoning About Public Policy.	3
PPOL 620D1	Client-Focused Policy Laboratory .	4.5
PPOL 620D2	Client-Focused Policy Laboratory.	4.5

Complementary Courses (24 credits)

3 credits selected from the following courses:

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Course	Title	Credits
PPOL 611	Canadian Political and Policy Landscape.	3
PPOL 613	Global Political and Policy Landscape.	3

3 credits selected from the following courses:

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Course	Title	Credits
PPOL 605	Analytical Methods for Policy Evaluation .	3
PPOL 608	Theory and Practice of Program Evaluation.	3

6 credits from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
PPOL 601	Global Macroeconomic Policy.	3
PPOL 603	Comparative Democracies.	3
PPOL 607	Information and Media Literacy.	3
PPOL 610	Science and Policy.	3
PPOL 612	U.S. Political and Policy Landscape.	3
PPOL 614	Canada-U.S Policy Relationship.	3
PPOL 615	Climate Policy.	3
PPOL 616	Human Rights and Policymaking.	3
PPOL 617	Indigenous Public Policy.	3
PPOL 618	Special Topics in Pub Policy 1.	3
PPOL 619	Special Topics in Pub Policy 2.	3

4 credits from the following courses:

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Course	Title	Credits
PPOL 631	Policy Case Study 1.	1
PPOL 632	Policy Case Study 2.	1
PPOL 633	Policy Case Study 3.	1
PPOL 634	Policy Case Study 4.	1
PPOL 635	Policy Case Study 5 .	1
PPOL 636	Policy Case Study 6.	1
PPOL 637	Policy Case Study 7.	1
PPOL 638	Policy Case Study 8.	1

8 credits from the following courses:

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Course	Title	Credits
PPOL 640	Policymaking in a World of Business .	2
PPOL 641	Rhetoric and Communication of Public Policy.	2
PPOL 642	Policy and Globalization.	2
PPOL 643	Ethical Dimensions of Policymaking .	2
PPOL 644	Stakeholder Management.	2
PPOL 645	Partisan Politics and Policy Process .	2
PPOL 646	Budgeting and Fiscal Policy.	2
PPOL 647	Achieving Policy Transparency .	2
PPOL 648	Race, Inequality, and Public Policy.	2
PPOL 649	Regulatory Systems.	2
PPOL 650	Special Topics in Policy Complexity 1.	2

PPOL 651	Special Topics in Policy Complexity 2.	2
PPOL 652	Special Topics in Policy Complexity 3.	2
PPOL 653	Digital Governance.	2