

HSSP MPP Advancement Program



Are you interested in a career focusing on health care policy? Do you have an interest in and passion for working on issues of social justice and social policy? The HSSP MPP Advancement Program will provide you with the experience, skills and tools necessary to obtain policy positions focusing on health care related issues.

Admitted HSSP students would take two classes in the MPP program during their senior year and then work for one or two years before taking classes in the MPP program full time for three semesters.

Students will be responsible for securing their employment; however, Heller will provide career coaching and introduce students to a network of partners, such as City Year and AmeriCorps. Students will be assigned advisers/mentors in their senior year who will keep in touch with them during their work experience year. Students will participate in a mid-point check in either in person or via Skype if necessary.

Curriculum

Two Heller MPP core requirements taken in the senior will count toward the undergraduate degree (as general electives) and toward the MPP degree. In addition, two HSSP courses (American Health Care and Introduction to Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Population Health) will be applied toward the MPP degree. Students would then need two fewer electives and would only need to take 12 additional courses for the MPP degree, graduating in three semesters rather than four upon their return. See below for a curriculum chart.

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Fall Senior Year	Spring Senior Year
Historical and Contemporary Developments in Social Policy (4 credits)	Social Policy Analysis (4 credits)
Experiential Year(s)	
MPP Fall 1	MPP Spring
Research Methods and Evaluation (4 credits) Applied Regression Analysis (4 credits) Public Finance (4 credits) Electives (4 credits)	Econometrics (4 credits) Economic Theory and Social Policy (4 credits) Electives (8 credits)
MPP Fall 2	
Leadership & Organizational Behavior (4 credits) Policy and Program Implementation (4 credits) MPP Capstone (4 credits) Electives (4 credits)	

How do I apply?

Interested HSSP students should begin by discussing their fit for the program with an HSSP faculty member. Students will apply by January 1st in their junior year. After receiving their undergraduate degree, students in this program will work for a minimum of one year.

Do I have to take the GRE?

The GRE is required and must be taken in the junior year. Alternatively students could be accepted contingent on reporting acceptable minimum GRE scores in their senior year.

Will I receive help securing employment for the experiential year?

While we can't guarantee a placement, the Heller Career Development Office will work with you to explore opportunities and to connect you with the many Heller partners including City Year and AmeriCorps.

What happens during the transition year?

Students will be assigned advisers/mentors in their senior year who will keep in touch with them during their work experience year. Students will participate in a mid-point check in either in person or via Skype if necessary.

Is there a minimum or maximum amount of time I need to spend working?

You must work a minimum of one year with the possibility of extending it to two years.

Once admitted are there certain standards I have to maintain as an undergraduate?

Once accepted students will normally be expected to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.25 and a grade of B or better in the required courses.

How much will it cost?

You will pay your regular undergraduate tuition through your senior year. When you return to Heller you will pay the Heller tuition for three semesters and will be eligible for the financial aid that all Heller students normally receive.

What types of jobs will this degree qualify me for?

Graduates from Heller's MPP program have gone on to work for state and federal government, think tanks and non profit organizations as directors of policy, policy analysts, executive directors, and research associates to name just a few.