

Brandeis

THE HELLER SCHOOL
FOR SOCIAL POLICY
AND MANAGEMENT

PROGRAMS

- **Master of Public Policy**
- **MA in Global Sustainability Policy and Management**
- **MS in Global Health Policy and Management**
- **PhD in Social Policy**
- **Executive MBA for Physicians**



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The Heller School for Social Policy and Management

You're committed to making real, lasting change. We're committed to bringing your vision to life.

The Heller School is consistently ranked among the top schools of social policy and health policy by *U.S. News & World Report*. Heller faculty, researchers, students, and alumni are making a difference on critical social issues ranging from global health, economic and racial equity, sustainability policy, and more. We are dedicated researchers, applying social, economic, and political science to solve pressing domestic and global problems. We are also steadfast idealists, working toward a better world through the knowledge we generate, the leaders we educate, and the communities we engage with globally. Our motto, "Knowledge Advancing Social Justice," is more than words - we believe it is imperative to move our evidence-based ideas into action.

With a strong emphasis on advocacy and interdisciplinary collaboration, Heller equips students with the knowledge, skills, and networks to create meaningful and lasting change. Heller alumni are advancing social justice at United Nations agencies, bilateral and multilateral organizations, U.S. government agencies, community and health care organizations, for-profit and nonprofit organizations, and NGOs throughout the world.

The Heller Community

On our campus, every classroom is a community. Every program is a think tank, and every classmate a colleague and collaborator. The network you find at Heller will stay with you as you pursue your life's work in a consequential career that furthers the causes of human equity, agency, and dignity. At Heller, we understand that advancing social justice requires not only knowledge, but meaningful collaboration.

Master of Public Policy (MPP)

Program format: Full-time, two-year program with a summer internship

The Heller MPP program teaches students to think beyond current structures and pursue tangible progress through pragmatic, politically feasible approaches to social change. MPP students learn policy design, analysis, implementation, and evaluation using an intersectional approach. MPP concentrations include Economic and Racial Equity; Health Policy; Social Policy; and Women, Gender and Sexuality.

MPP graduates working in federal, state, or local government pursue change from the inside. Others address social challenges from the outside through working for advocacy and nonprofit organizations.

Master of Arts in Global Sustainability Policy and Management (GSPM)

Program format: Full-time, one-year program that includes a summer field experience

The GSPM program is deeply aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, a global blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet. The curriculum emphasizes these 17 interlinked goals, from eradicating poverty and hunger to promoting peace, justice, and strong institutions. By focusing on these critical objectives, you will gain the tools to development that are not only sustainable but also equitable.

The program consists of two semesters of coursework followed by a three-month field experience or capstone project. Professionals with at least five years of relevant experience may waive the field experience requirement and complete the program in nine months.



Master of Science in Global Health Policy and Management (GHPM)

Program format: Full-time, nine-month program

The GHPM program is a STEM-designated program focused on health systems strengthening and global health policy. Students gain skills and insights that closely align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the World Health Organization mandate for Universal Health Coverage – which means you will learn how to make structural improvements to health care systems that benefit entire populations.

GHPM students gain expertise that includes understanding health economics, analyzing and interpreting data to impact policy, understanding health system financing and organization, using cost-effectiveness analysis, conducting health system assessment and analysis, and producing professional-quality policy briefs.

PhD in Social Policy

Program format: Full-time, two-year coursework plus a dissertation

The Heller PhD provides rigorous training to prepare students for careers in which they engage in applied research to create solutions alongside policymakers, community stakeholders, and practitioners. PhD concentrations include Health Policy; Behavioral Health Policy; Economic and Racial Equity; and Children, Youth and Families.

In addition to two years of courses, PhD students participate in a doctoral seminar, complete a comprehensive exam, and successfully defend a dissertation in four to six years. All full-time PhD students receive four years of funding that covers tuition, health insurance, and a stipend.

Executive MBA for Physicians

Format: 16-month hybrid program combining in-person and online coursework

The Executive MBA for Physicians is a program exclusively for practicing MDs, DOs, DMDs, DDSs, and DPMs who want to improve the clinical outcomes, financial performance, and patient experiences in their health care organizations. Designed to meet the needs – and schedules – of practicing physicians, the EMBA integrates the medical expertise physicians hone every day on the job with new knowledge in critical areas, ranging from health policy and economics to operational systems management, high performance leadership, and health care innovation.

The program consists of four 10-day residential sessions combined with online learning. Off-campus time will be spent taking webinars, doing individual study and preparation, and engaging in online blended learning.

Admissions and Financial Aid

The Heller School seeks students who are committed to finding solutions to some of the world's most pressing social problems. We actively seek a diverse student body that reflects a variety of backgrounds and cultures, as well as a range of professional and personal interests and experience.

Over 95% of Heller master's degree students receive a merit-based scholarship that covers a portion of their tuition expense. Students will need to secure external funding for the remainder of their tuition expense and living expenses.

Brandeis University

The Heller School is part of Brandeis University, a globally-respected research university. Brandeis faculty are leaders in their fields, as passionate about teaching and mentorship as they are about pushing the boundaries of knowledge. At Brandeis, you will discover a community rooted in purpose, guided by our founding values, poised to lead in education and research.

Waltham and Boston

Two cities. Countless opportunities.

Located in Greater Boston, Brandeis University offers you access to a vibrant intellectual community, numerous nonprofit organizations, think tanks, and international agencies. This region is known for its rich history in social change and innovation, providing you with unique opportunities for networking and internships. Brandeis' hometown of Waltham, Massachusetts has a lively downtown that is just a 20-minute walk from campus. The nearby Brandeis/Roberts MBTA commuter rail station provides direct access to downtown Boston and Cambridge in just 20 minutes.

Heller Research Institutes, Centers and Collaboratives

Schneider Institutes for Health Policy and Research
Institute on Healthcare Systems
Institute for Behavioral Health
Institute for Global Health and Development
Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy
Institute for Economic and Racial Equity
Lurie Institute for Disability Policy
Center for Youth and Communities
Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy
Center for Global Development and Sustainability
Opioid Policy Research Collaborative

"The most exciting thing about Heller is that you get to build your own adventure. A lot of programs require students to come in and find a mentor who is working on a project that interests you and that you can assist with, replicate, or build off of. At Heller, we're able to choose our policy area and methodology. At the end of the day, it's your dissertation and you're the subject matter expert."

—Jamie Morgan, PhD in Social Policy'23
Policy Fellow, Office of Democratic Whip Katherine Clark

"At Heller, I learned to think critically about public policy and the ways in which it's developed. It's very rare to be in a space where so many people are passionate advocates and conscientious about issues that are unfolding in the world. The relationships that I've built within Heller I hope to take with me for the rest of my life."

—Mariela Martinez, Master of Public Policy'22
Analyst, U.S. Government Accountability Office

"I went back to school to work in disaster response and public health preparedness, so Heller was a good fit for me. If you're watching the news on a daily basis, you see the importance of good public health policy. I enjoy feeling like I'm making a difference."

—Sarah Leonard, MS in Global Health Policy and Management'19
Public Health Advisor, Global Health Center, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



"At Heller, we recognize the need for active collaboration, social innovation, entrepreneurship, knowledge, and empathy to advance social justice. We understand that by working together and including voices from multicultural and neurodiverse populations, we can benefit from the solidarity dividend and build dialogues across differences, creating a brighter, more equitable future."


—Dr. Maria Madison, Dean
A trained global public health researcher, Dean Madison holds an ScD in population and international health from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.


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