

Degree Requirements, Global Policy Studies

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Master of Global Policy Studies

In residence program. The curriculum for the Master of Global Policy Studies consists of 49 hours of coursework. In addition to required coursework in the student’s specialization, the curriculum combines courses in the development of global policy and principles of international relations, microeconomics, analytical methods, international economics, and a crisis management seminar with a practical applications sequence that includes a client-oriented policy research project and professional writing courses. Field experience is appropriate in most specializations and may be satisfied with a noncredit internship experience. A typical 49 semester-hour program of study includes five core courses (15 credit hours); a crisis simulation course (one credit hour); a policy research project that spans two semesters (six credit hours); five specialization courses (15 credit hours); three elective courses (nine credit hours); and an individual writing requirement (three credit hours).

Students must fulfill all academic requirements within six years of their entrance into the program. Most students are expected to complete the program in two years of full-time study.

DC program. The DC program option offers a master’s student a unique two-semester curriculum in federal policymaking relating to international affairs thereby facilitating entry into federal careers. The track requires completion of 45 semester hours of coursework. Students attend The University of Texas at Austin their first two semesters, taking 24 semester credit hours. After the first year, students will spend the summer and fall in Washington, DC. Coursework will include a unique apprenticeship opportunity in a public or non-profit agency based on the student’s area of policy.

Dual Degree Programs

Master of Global Policy Studies/Master of Public Health

The graduate program in Global Policy Studies offers a dual degree program with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health (UTSPH). Applicants must apply separately and be admitted to both the Master of Global Policy Studies program at The University of Texas at Austin and the Master of Public Health at UTSPH. Students accepted into the dual degree program complete the three-year program of work in both schools. The degrees are conferred separately by each institution. Additional information is available from the director of admissions at the LBJ School.

The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs offers the following dual degree programs in cooperation with other divisions of the University. More information is available from the graduate advisor in each program.

Major(s)	Degree(s)
Asian studies	Master of Arts
Business administration	Master of Business Administration
Energy and earth resources	Master of Arts

Information studies	Master of Science in Information Studies
Journalism and media	Master of Arts
Latin American studies	Master of Arts
Law	Doctor of Jurisprudence
Middle Eastern studies	Master of Arts
Russian, East European, Eurasian studies	Master of Arts