

Global Policy Studies

Master of Global Policy Studies

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Facilities for Graduate Work

The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs is housed in Sid Richardson Hall, adjacent to the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum.

The LBJ School Computer Lab is reserved for public affairs students and is available 24 hours a day. It provides access to a variety of software useful for completing coursework such as ArcGIS and Stata. Ten dual-boot systems (run both Windows and macOS) are physically available in the lab along with four monitors that can be connected to a personal laptop using a ring of adapters. Additionally, the Computer Lab has 12 Windows systems available for remote connections which enable access to this software from a personal computer while off campus.

Areas of Study

The graduate program in Global Policy Studies is designed to provide students with the tools and knowledge necessary to be leaders in an increasingly interdependent world. The program offers a multidisciplinary approach to studying the complex economic, political, technological, and social issues of the twenty-first century. Students pursuing the Master of Global Policy Studies select a specialization in security, law, and diplomacy; international trade and finance; development; global governance and international law; international energy, environment, and technology; or regional international policy. Students may also propose their own specialization, which is subject to approval.

Graduate Studies Committee

The following faculty members served on the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) in the spring 2024 semester.

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Admissions Requirements

Admission decisions are made by the Admissions Committee. The committee considers applicants' academic and employment records, their scores on the Graduate Record Examinations General Test,

three letters of recommendation from professors or employers, and a statement of purpose addressing the applicant's background and interest in public policy. A résumé and transcripts for all college coursework are also required.

While there are no prescribed course prerequisites, students entering the Master of Global Policy Studies program are expected to have completed undergraduate coursework in statistics. In addition, many students find the following courses to be useful: two semesters of principles of economics, at least one semester of undergraduate international relations or world history, and one semester of calculus.

Additional information on [degree requirements](#) and the [application process](#) is available on the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs website.