

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MIPA

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1. (Knowledge) Students will demonstrate understanding of major current and past policy debates, research findings, and analytical methodologies in each of the following core areas: microeconomic policy analysis, macroeconomic policy analysis, quantitative tools for policy analysis, policy analysis, and international governance.
2. (Knowledge) Students will demonstrate critical thinking skills. They will retrieve and examine the policy literature and evaluate evidence for and against hypotheses, identify knowledge gaps, strengths and weaknesses in existing literature, synthesize knowledge, and develop conclusions.
3. (Applied research skills) Students will read, comprehend, and effectively summarize policy research and policy-relevant academic research.
4. (Applied research skills) Students will effectively summarize data for a general (nonacademic) or policy audience.
5. (Applied research skills) Students will demonstrate competency in methods of inferential statistics including those associated with multivariate regression models.
6. (Professional and ethical conduct) Students will identify and appropriately respond to scenarios involving the ethical and professional responsibilities of public administration.
7. (Professional and ethical conduct) Students will demonstrate the ability to maintain human subjects protections when designing studies, collecting data and reporting results.
8. (Professional and ethical conduct) Students will know and adhere to high levels of professional conduct, ethical decision-making and legal and regulatory compliance.
9. (Professional and ethical conduct) Students will demonstrate the ability to maintain fidelity to objective social science-based research methods.
10. (Communication) Students will communicate in clear written language: a real-world policy problem, relevant scholarly studies and practical applications, a policy-analytic method to investigate the problem, and client-oriented advice to mitigate the problem.
11. (Communication) Students will communicate substance of point 1 highly concisely and in language understandable to a non-specialist.
12. (Communication) Students will communicate substance of point 2 orally.
13. (Professional skills and career preparation) Students will develop effective job-seeking tools and utilize job-seeking techniques.
14. (Professional skills and career preparation) Students will complete high quality group projects, including demonstration of effective project management and teamwork.