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Master of Public Administration (MPA)

2025 Program Requirements

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About the MPA

The Master of Public Policy takes one and a half years full time and requires the completion of 72 units.

Part time students may take up to six years to complete the program.

On campus students attend classes at the ANU campus in Canberra.



Online students attend real-time classes via Zoom. This degree is not delivered as a work-at-your-own-pace mode. Classes are interactive and attendance with other online students is required.

About the Preparatory Summer/Winter School

Crawford School has designed a Summer/Winter School designed to give you the best possible start to your Master of Public Administration studies. Learn how to study at a postgraduate level, learn about what public policy is and get the tools you need to succeed.

Program requirements

Compulsory pre-commencement Summer/Winter School

CRWF7900 Graduate Academic & Research Skills for Public Policy	January & June
CRWF7902 Graduate Preparatory Economics for Public Policy	January & June
POGO7901 Graduate Preparatory Economic, Social & Political Analysis	January & June

Compulsory courses (30 units)

POGO8137 Public Administration Foundations	6 units	Not offered 2025
POGO8021 Public Sector Ethics	6 units	Semester 1
POGO8057 Managing Government Finances	6 units	Semester 2
POGO8062 Public Sector Management	6 units	Semester 1
POGO8096 Policy Research	6 units	Semester 2

Applied management courses

These are 3-unit intensive courses. Where a semester or session is not indicated the course is not currently on offer in 2025. Some scheduling may occur late - please refer to the course pages regularly up to the start of the semester/session to confirm availability.

Choose a minimum of four courses (12 units) (in groups of two)

POG08132 Public Policy in Cities - Integrating and Governing Change	3 units	Spring
POG08230 Gender Analysis in Public Policy	3 units	Winter
POG08232 Persuasion for Policymakers	3 units	
POG08233 Policy Tools & Mixes	3 units	Summer
POG08234 Unpacking Policy Capacity	3 units	Summer
POG08235 Engaging China: Working with Policy in the PRC	3 units	Spring
POG08236 Public Strategy	3 units	Spring
POG08237 Budgeting for Outcomes: Purposes, Programs and Performance	3 units	
POG08238 Fundamentals of Intergovernmental Management	3 units	Autumn
POG08239 Contemporary Challenges to Indigenous Policy	3 units	Winter
POG08240 Evidence Based Thinking (EBT): Decision Making and Policy Development	3 units	
POG08243 The Localist Revolution - The Changing Face of Local Government	3 units	Autumn
POG08241 Knowledge Systems and Public Policy	3 units	Spring
NSPO8041 Borders, Migration and Security	3 units	
NSPO8044 Energy Security	3 units	
NSPO8043 Health and National Security	3 units	

Applied project courses (a minimum of 6 units)

ANIP6503 Australian National Internships Program Internship A (Graduate)	6 units	Sem 1 & 2
CRWF7000 Applied Policy Project	6 units	Semester 2
CRWF8019 Public Policy and Professional Internship	6 units	Sem 1 & 2
POG08035 Research Project (Prerequisite: POG08096 with min 75% & distinction average)	6 units	Sem 1 & 2
POG08135 Research Project (Prerequisite: POG08096 with min 80% & distinction average)	12 units	Sem 1 & 2

Elective courses (18-24 units)

There are many electives to choose from, but not all courses are offered every year.

POG08401 Foundations in Public Policy	6 units
POG08136 Participating in Public Policy: Citizen Engagement and Public Talk	6 units
POG08500 Evidence and Analysis in Public Policy	6 units
POG08402 The Political and Institutional Architecture of Public Policy	6 units
POG08083 Policy Advocacy	6 units
POG08076 Corruption and Anti-Corruption	6 units
POG08048 Public Finance	6 units
POG08045 International Policy Making in the Shadow of the Future	6 units
POG08138 Science, Technology and Public Policy	6 units
POG08016 The Economic Way of Thinking	6 units
POG08015 Foreign Direct Investment Policy	6 units
POG08213 The Global Trading System	6 units
IDEC8025 Empirical Public Finance	6 units
POG08403 Cases in Contemporary Public Policy	6 units
POLS8046 Interest Groups, Advocacy and Public Policy	6 units
EMDV8018 Australian Environmental Policy: Problems, Practices, Politics	6 units
EMDV8007 Communicating for Environment and Climate Policy	6 units
EMDV8081 Domestic Climate Change Policy and Economics	6 units
EMDV8082 Food Wars: Food Security and Agricultural Policy	6 units
EMDV8124 Disaster Risk Reduction and Management	6 units
NSPO8006 National Security Policymaking	6 units
NSPO8007 National Security: Concepts and Methods	6 units
NSPO8028 History for Policymakers	6 units
MGMT8003 Organisational Behaviour	6 units
MGMT8022 Strategic Management	6 units
MGMT7250 Evidence-Based Management	6 units

SOCR8202 Using Data to Answer Policy Questions and Evaluate policy	6 units
REGN8052 Regulation and Governance	6 units
LAWS8229 International Law of World Trade	6 units

Recommended Enrolment Pattern – full time enrolment – 24 units per study period

Scheduling is indicative only as changes can occur during the year, prior to the start of the semester/session.

Domestic students are able to study part-time. Part-time is 6-12 units per study period. International students with a student visa must be enrolled in 24 units per study period.

Commencing Semester 1 (February)	Commencing Semester 2 (July)
First Semester	First Semester
POG08062	POG08057
POG08021	POG08096
3-unit Applied Mgt Course (Summer or Autumn)	3-unit Applied Mgt Course (Winter or Spring)
3-unit Applied Mgt Course (Summer or Autumn)	3-unit Applied Mgt Course (Winter or Spring)
Elective	Elective
Second Semester	Second Semester
POG08057	POG08137
POG08096	POG08062
3-unit Applied Mgt Course (Winter or Spring)	POG08021
3-unit Applied Mgt Course (Winter or Spring)	3-unit Applied Mgt Course (Summer or Autumn)
Elective	3-unit Applied Mgt Course (Summer or Autumn)
Third Semester	Third Semester
Applied Policy Project Course	Applied Policy Project Course or Elective
POG08137	Elective
Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective