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# Master of Public Policy (MPP)

## 2025 Program Requirements

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## About the MPP

The Master of Public Policy takes two years full time and requires the completion of 96 units.

Part time students may take up to 7 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 Policy 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

<a href="#">CRWF7900</a> Graduate Academic & Research Skills for Public Policy	January & June
<a href="#">CRWF7902</a> Graduate Preparatory Economics for Public Policy	January & June
<a href="#">POGO7901</a> Graduate Preparatory Economic, Social & Political Analysis	January & June

### Compulsory foundational courses (30 units)

<a href="#">POGO8401</a> Foundations in Public Policy	6 units	Semester 1
<a href="#">POGO8016</a> The Economic Way of Thinking	6 units	Semester 1
<a href="#">POGO8062</a> Public Sector Management	6 units	Semester 1
<a href="#">POGO8096</a> Policy Research	6 units	Semester 2
<a href="#">POGO8402</a> The Political & Institutional Architecture of Public Policy	6 units	Semester 2

### Compulsory advanced courses (18 units)

<a href="#">POGO8403</a> Cases in Contemporary Public Policy	6 units	Winter
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<a href="#">POGO8500</a> Evidence and Analysis in Public Policy	6 units	Semester 1
<a href="#">POGO8081</a> Economics for Government (prerequisite POGO8016)	6 units	Semester 2

## Elective courses (48 units)

The majority of electives will come from the public policy elective list, but students can also choose from the applied management courses (a minimum of 2 or a maximum of 4), the work integrated learning and/or research courses.

## Applied management courses (a maximum of 12 units)

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 no more than four courses (12 units) (in groups of two)

<a href="#">POGO8230</a> Gender Analysis in Public Policy	3 units	Winter
<a href="#">POGO8232</a> Persuasion for Policymakers	3 units	
<a href="#">POGO8233</a> Policy Tools & Mixes	3 units	Summer
<a href="#">POGO8234</a> Unpacking Policy Capacity	3 units	Summer
<a href="#">POGO8235</a> Engaging China: Working with Policy in the PRC	3 units	Spring
<a href="#">POGO8236</a> Public Strategy	3 units	Spring
<a href="#">POGO8237</a> Budgeting for Outcomes: Purposes, Programs and Performance	3 units	
<a href="#">POGO8238</a> Fundamentals of Intergovernmental Management	3 units	Autumn
<a href="#">POGO8239</a> Contemporary Challenges to Indigenous Policy	3 units	Winter
<a href="#">POGO8240</a> Evidence Based Thinking (EBT): Decision Making and Policy Development	3 units	
<a href="#">POGO8242</a> Community Development Strategies	3 units	
<a href="#">POGO8243</a> The Localist Revolution - The Changing Face of Local Government	3 units	Autumn
<a href="#">NSPO8041</a> Borders, Migration and Security	3 units	
<a href="#">NSPO8044</a> Energy Security	3 units	
<a href="#">NSPO8043</a> Pandemics, Infectious Diseases and National Security	3 units	
<a href="#">NSPO8047</a> How Canberra Works: a guide for security policymakers	3 units	Autumn

## A minimum of 24 units from completion of courses in any of the following specialisations

Choose from any courses listed under a MPP Specialisation. There are many electives to choose from, but not all courses are offered every year.

Click on each of the links below and go to the Study tab for the list of electives.

<a href="#">Contemporary Regulation specialisation</a>
<a href="#">Economic Policy specialisation</a>
<a href="#">Environment and Public Policy specialisation</a>
<a href="#">Foreign and Defence Policy specialisation</a>
<a href="#">Global Development Policy specialisation</a>
<a href="#">Indigenous Policy and Development specialisation</a>
<a href="#">Integrity and Anti-corruption specialisation</a>
<a href="#">International Policy specialisation</a>
<a href="#">Policy Analysis specialisation</a>
<a href="#">Policy Communication specialisation</a>
<a href="#">Population Change specialisation</a>
<a href="#">Public Finance and Policy specialisation</a>
<a href="#">Social Policy specialisation</a>
<a href="#">Social Research Methods specialisation</a>
LPDP Blue, Green Digital specialisation (restricted to LPDP Blue, Green, Digital scholarship students)

## Work Integrated Learning (WIL) and research courses (a maximum of 12 units)

These courses may have a competitive application process and/or prerequisites.

<a href="#">ANIP6503</a> Australian National Internships Program Internship A (Graduate)	6 units	Sem 1 & 2
<a href="#">CRWF7000</a> Applied Policy Project	6 units	Semester 2
<a href="#">CRWF8019</a> Public Policy and Professional Internship	6 units	Sem 1 & 2
<a href="#">POGO8035</a> Research Project (Prerequisite: POGO8096 with min 75% & distinction average)	6 units	Sem 1 & 2
<a href="#">POGO8135</a> Research Project (Prerequisite: POGO8096 with min 80% & distinction average)	12 units	Sem 1 & 2

## 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.

First study period: Includes Summer, Semester 1 and Autumn sessions.

Second study period: Includes Winter, Semester 2 and Spring sessions.

Commencing Summer/Semester 1 (February)	Commencing Winter/Semester 2 (July)
<b>First Semester</b>	<b>First Semester</b>
POGO8016	POGO8402
POGO8401	POGO8096*
POGO8062	Elective
Elective	Elective
	<i>Take POGO8096 this semester if you wish to complete POGO8035 Research Project in the third or fourth semester</i>
<b>Second Semester</b>	<b>Second Semester</b>
POGO8402	POGO8016
POGO8081	POGO8401
POGO8096* or Elective	POGO8062 or Elective
Elective	Elective
<i>* Take POGO8096 this semester if you wish to complete POGO8035 Research Project in final semester</i>	
<b>Third Semester</b>	<b>Third Semester</b>
POGO8500	POGO8403
Elective	POGO8081
Elective	Elective or POGO8096 if not taken in Sem 1
Elective	Elective
<b>Fourth Semester</b>	<b>Fourth Semester</b>
POGO8403	POGO8500
Elective	Elective or POGO8062 if not taken in Sem 2
Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective

## Nominating a Specialisation

Students can nominate a specialisation in ISIS, up to the census date for that semester. Further details and instructions are detailed at <https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/program-management/changing-majors-minors-specialisations>.

A specialisation can be completed if you have the elective space to do so. A specialisation is not required for degree completion.

Courses common to two or more specialisations will count towards both specialisations.