

A graduate degree in public policy from UMBC will expand your career opportunities and develop your leadership skills.

Combined BA/MPP in Public Policy

Why Study Public Policy?

If you are an undergraduate Health Administration and Policy Program (HAPP) major at UMBC with an interest in U.S. health problems and policies, consider continuing your education at UMBC with a Master of Public Policy (MPP) through the Accelerated Pathways Program.

Through the combined BA/MPP program, HAPP students in the health policy track study the critical problems facing our health care system. The department partners with agencies such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Social Security Administration, and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to train students to understand the development, present operation, and future of our health care system.

HAPP students may also choose a track other than health policy, such as education policy, evaluation and analytical methods, public management, urban policy, or economic policy.

The BA/MPP Program

The MPP degree requires 37 course credits and the writing of a policy analysis paper. Once accepted into the Accelerated Pathways Program, you may take up to 5 graduate level courses as an undergraduate. Up to 12 hours of graduate courses can be counted toward both the BA and the MPP.

In the Accelerated Pathways Program, HAPP students are permitted to take the following courses to count toward the both the HAPP BA and the Public Policy MPP:

Take this MPP course:	To replace this HAPP course:
PUBL 623 Governmental Budgeting	POLI 353 Govern. Bud. & Fin. Management
ECON 652 Health Economics (with a strong Economics background)	ECON 467 Health Economics
PUBL 652 Politics of Health	HAPP upper level elective
PUBL 618 Health Care Financing & Service Delivery	HAPP upper level elective

How to Apply

You must have a strong academic record to gain admission to this program. A GPA of 3.5 or above is preferred.

Plan to apply for admission by the second semester of your junior year.

You will need:

- Unofficial transcript
- Statement of goals
- At least 2 letters of recommendation from professors
- Your resume, and
- *Application for the Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's Program.*

Submit these documents to the Public Policy Department.

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required for BA/MPP students.

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By taking advantage of this option, you can lower the cost of graduate school, and reduce the time to earn your MPP degree by as much as a year!