

GRADUATE

Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs (MPPGA)



The professional MPPGA program is distinctive as students are equipped with multidisciplinary policy analysis and design skills alongside subject-specific expertise in development, sustainability, and global governance.

Through classroom learning and real-world experience, MPPGA students gain a broad skill set that combines data analysis with policy tools, economic understanding, and communication skills. They also learn how to assess alternatives in complex policy scenarios, collaborate effectively with diverse stakeholders, and lead cross-functional teams.

Types of Roles

Policy Strategy

Evaluation & Needs Assessment

External Relations

Global Security

Government Relations

Humanitarian Aid

Sustainability Analysis

Policy Design & Analysis

Data & Economic Analysis

Procurement Analysis

Project Management

Regulatory & Environmental Affairs

Research Services

Social Service Delivery

Strategic Communications

Technical Writing

Students are available every May for 4-month paid work terms, with postings beginning in January. Hiring early ensures access to the largest pool of candidates.

In addition to building fundamental policy skills and knowledge, MPPGA students engage in simulations and interact directly with policy makers, clients, and stakeholders.

Core Courses

GPP 501: Microeconomic Analysis for Public Policy

GPP 502: International Macroeconomics

GPP 503: Measurement and Data Analysis for Policy

GPP 504: Policy Analysis and Evaluation

GPP 505: Domestic and Global Policy Process

GPP 506: Public Management

GPP 508: Policy in Context

GPP 509: Communicating Policy

Students also specialize in one of three streams and gain hands-on experience through client stakeholder engagement in a **Global Policy Project**, both in Canada and internationally.

STREAM 1:
DEVELOPMENT & SOCIAL
CHANGE

Focus: Economic and social change in Asia and other parts of the developing world, with emphasis on human security, poverty, and gender

STREAM 2:
RESOURCES, ENERGY &
SUSTAINABILITY

Focus: Policy challenges and communicating innovative policy solutions related to climate change, renewable energy, food security, and more

STREAM 3:
GLOBAL GOVERNANCE &
SECURITY

Focus: Global economic governance, Asia Pacific security, human rights, human migration, and human security



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