



The **Bachelor of Science** in

Public Policy and Administration

Influence lawmaking. Change the world.

Public policy is a branch of political science that addresses public concerns and problems. Policymakers influence lawmaking at the local, state and federal levels to address those issues. Public administrators draft, analyze and implement policies through a wide range of government agencies and directly impact who has access to resources, general living standards and opportunities for diverse communities.

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The BS in Public Policy and Administration is designed for students who are interested in working in government or nonprofit organizations and who have a passion for making a positive impact on society. In this program, students gain understanding of public and nonprofit administration and policymaking in the United States while developing sought-after and transferable skills, such as information-gathering and processing, analysis, research, decision making, and oral and written communication. You can choose from three emphasis areas: public administration, nonprofit management and public policy. Areas of concentration for the public policy emphasis include American politics, international and comparative politics, urban politics, public law, labor studies and gender and politics. In addition to formal course work, internships provide students with the opportunity to apply classroom learning and gain practical field experience.

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to explain the characteristics and impact of policy-making institutions and systems, including national, state and local governments; demonstrate an understanding of administrative systems and processes; apply methods, tools and sources to answer important management and policy questions; analyze policies, programs and relevant issues, formulate evidence-based recommendations and communicate them with clarity and coherence; apply public policy administration knowledge and engage in real-world problem solving through an internship; and plan, execute, and defend a major research project.

2+3 BS/MA Dual Degree Program

The Master of Public Policy Administration is also offered in the 2+3 program format. This unique 2+3 dual degree program provides a pathway for students to earn both a bachelor's and a master's degree in Public Policy Administration with fewer total credit hours than would be required to complete each degree independently. Once all requirements have been met, students will be awarded both a BS and an MPPA and are able to enter the job market with a competitive edge.

Transforming Lives

The Bachelor of Science in Public Policy and Administration at UMSL is earned through our College of Arts and Sciences, the academic core of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Through academic programs offered on- and off- campus, traditional and nontraditional students gain knowledge, skills and intellectual leadership for a variety of career paths, advanced study and research in many academic disciplines.

Graduates are known for their professionalism on the job and their strong sense of civic responsibility. Students in our programs engage in creative and critical thinking, learn to analyze evidence, to appreciate patterns of complexity and to reflect on important issues that impact our daily lives. Students gain skill sets to prepare for a changing workplace that requires flexible, dynamic, and well-educated employees.

Top college for student voting.

Washington Monthly named UMSL one of the top colleges for student voting in the inaugural list in 2018, as well as in 2019 and 2020. Students can enhance their experience by joining the Political Science Academy, one of the most active campus student organizations. The PSA organizes voter registration drives, watch parties, lunch with legislators and panels on voter ID laws.

Serious education. Serious value.

The Bachelor of Science in Public Policy and Administration is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format, with classes available in-person, online and in a hybrid format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. UMSL welcomes transfer students and our transfer specialists will assist you with getting the most transfer credits possible. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, and as such, UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

Learn more at polisci.umsl.edu

The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. Seventy-three percent of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a well-equipped public policy workforce and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for public policy and administration.

Career Opportunities

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Market Research Analyst
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