

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2023-24: Public Policy 1+1



Through the Public Policy 1+1 programme, you will complete an intensive taught Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree course that offers a distinctive approach to learning about public policy. The MPP is a one-year graduate degree that will help you develop your understanding of public policy challenges. You will learn about how policy is made, implemented and evaluated in governments at local, regional and global levels. The MPP is a transformative opportunity for current and future leaders with a commitment to public service. The MPP derives lessons for better governance from countries all around the world. You will discover, share and build on successes achieved by policymakers in other countries – from the smallest to the most powerful.

In the second year, the MSc in Public Policy Research will teach you how to conduct robust, applied and impactful research, and give you a keen understanding of the relationship between research evidence and other major influences on the public policy process such as ideologies and institutions. You will be able to design and undertake a range of policy-relevant research methods to the highest standards and you will effectively communicate research findings to a wide range of audiences, including policymakers and the general public.

At the end of the Public Policy 1+1 programme, you will be able to design and undertake a range of policy-relevant research methods and effectively communicate your research findings to policymakers and the general public.

In order to be considered for the Public Policy 1+1 you must submit separate applications for the Master of Public Policy (MPP) and the MSc in Public Policy Research in the same admission cycle. You should follow the instructions in the *How to apply* section of each course page, paying particular attention to the personal statement and written work requirements for each course. You should state clearly that you wish to be considered for the Public Policy 1+1 programme in your personal statement.

Applicants accepted to the 2023-25 Public Policy 1+1 programme, will undertake the Master of Public Policy (MPP) during the 2023-24 academic year and (subject to satisfactory progress on the MPP and meeting any conditions for progression that have been set) will go on to study for the MSc in Public Policy Research during the 2024-25 academic year.

Benefits of the Public Policy 1+1 programme include:

- teaching by outstanding academics, as well as expert practitioners, you will be uniquely positioned to develop academic knowledge and professional skills to address some of this century's most complex public policy challenges; and
- upon completion you will be well equipped for research and related jobs in government, quasi-governmental agencies, state and local governments, international organisations, not-for-profit organisations, charities and pressure groups.

Supervision

The allocation of graduate supervision for this course is the responsibility of the Blavatnik School of Government and it is not always possible to accommodate the preferences of incoming students to work with a particular member of staff. Under exceptional circumstances a supervisor may be found outside the Blavatnik School of Government.

You will meet with your academic supervisor to discuss the progress of your studies, and in your second year they will help you to identify your research topic, devise an important and researchable question, formulate and execute an appropriate research design, and produce a methodologically sound and impactful thesis. The Blavatnik School of Government will assign supervisors at the start of each year on the basis of the intellectual and policy interests expressed by students. For the MSc, in addition to the academic supervisor, you will also be assigned a policy advisor from a public policy organisation to provide advice and feedback on the research from a practitioner perspective.

Assessment

Candidates receive individual awards for each of the two programmes. Progression from the Master of Public Policy (MPP) to the MSc in Public Policy Research is subject to satisfactory progress being made on the MPP and meeting any conditions for progression that have been set. Your learning will be assessed for each programme in a variety of ways. Examples of assessment from previous years include: open-book assessments, essays, policy memo, short research proposal, presentation, thesis and in-class testing of a more practical nature.

Please see both the Master of Public Policy (MPP) course page and the MSc in Public Policy Research course page for details of how each course is assessed.

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out above. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after registration. These may include significant changes made necessary by a pandemic (including Covid-19), epidemic or local health emergency. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>) and our page on changes to courses (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/coursechanges>).

Expected length of course

	Full Time Only
Expected length of MPP component	Up to 1 year, undertaken in 2023-24
Expected length of MSc component	1 year, undertaken in 2024-25

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2023-24

Annual Master of Public Policy (first year) fees for the 2023-24 academic year

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home	£49,080
Overseas	£49,080

In the second year of the Public Policy 1+1 programme, you will be charged course fees at the relevant MSc in Public Policy Research fee rate for that year of study. For an indication of costs, the table below shows the annual MSc course fees for the 2023-24 academic year.

Annual MSc in Public Policy Research fees for study in the 2023-24 academic year

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home	£38,900
Overseas	£38,900

Information about course fees

Course fees are payable each year, for the duration of your fee liability (your fee liability is the length of time for which you are required to pay course fees). For courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>).

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional cost information (below), course fees do not cover your accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also don't cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information.

Deposits

If your application is successful, you will be asked to pay a deposit against your course fees at the application stage as a condition of your offer. The deposit amount and date by which payment must be made are shown below.

Amount of deposit	Date by which deposit must be paid
£7,350	31 May 2023

Additional cost information

Master of Public Policy (MPP) component

There are no compulsory elements of this course that entail additional costs beyond fees and living costs. However, as part of your course requirements, there may be costs associated with the summer project, depending on the type and location of the placement, such as travel and accommodation expenses. You can find out more about the summer project on the Blavatnik School of Government website. You will need to meet any additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from the school or your college to help you cover some of these expenses.

MSc in Public Policy Research component (indicative costs, based on study in the 2022-23 academic year)

There are no compulsory elements of this course that entail additional costs beyond fees and living costs. However, as part of your course requirements, you may need to choose a dissertation, a project or a thesis topic. Please note that, depending on your choice of topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur additional expenses, such as travel and vaccination expenses, conference attendance, research expenses, and field trips. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from your department and/or college to help you cover some of these expenses.

Living costs

In addition to your course fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

The likely living costs for 2023-24 are published below. These costs are based on a single, full-time graduate student, with no dependants, living in Oxford. We provide the cost per month so you can multiply up by the number of months you expect to live in Oxford.

Likely living costs for one month

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£300	£470
Accommodation	£715	£860
Personal items	£180	£305
Social activities	£40	£90
Study costs	£35	£80
Other	£20	£35
Total	£1,290	£1,840

Likely living costs for nine months

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£2,700	£4,230
Accommodation	£6,435	£7,740
Personal items	£1,620	£2,745
Social activities	£360	£810
Study costs	£315	£720
Other	£180	£315
Total	£11,610	£16,560

Likely living costs for twelve months

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£3,600	£5,640
Accommodation	£8,580	£10,320
Personal items	£2,160	£3,660
Social activities	£480	£1,080
Study costs	£420	£960
Other	£240	£420
Total	£15,480	£22,080

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2023-24, it is suggested that you allow for potential increases in living expenses of 5% or more each year – although this rate may vary significantly depending on how the national economic situation develops.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts.

Document accessibility

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