

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2017-18

Master of Public Policy (MPP)

About the course

The Master of Public Policy (MPP) is a one-year taught degree course. It enables you to develop analytical and critical skills relevant for understanding the challenges of public policy and its implementation. It also equips you with skills that are essential for effective policy delivery.

The MPP begins with a selection of introductory activities during the induction fortnight. These provide an introduction to policy-making and the MPP as a whole. The curriculum is then orientated around academic learning and developing skills necessary for effective policy-making and analysis.

The current curriculum includes six compulsory core modules:

- Foundations introduces philosophical concepts and dilemmas facing governments around the world
- Economics for Public Policy seeks to prepare you for interaction with professional economists by developing the skills necessary to become a critical consumer of economic thinking
- Politics of Policy-making explores the political challenges of policy-making across a range of national contexts and policy domains.
- Science and Public Policy considers ways to understand scientific and medical evidence, the policy implications of this evidence, and the interplay between science and conflicting policy concerns
- Law and Public Policy discusses legal systems, legislation, and law both as a constraint on government and as applicable beyond the nation state
- Policy Evaluation demonstrates the contribution that research evidence can make to public policy and provides you with tools that allow you to be a more effective and critical consumer of research evidence

These core modules draw on insights and approaches found within a range of academic disciplines. Taught by academics with direct experience of working in or with institutions or individuals engaged with policy-making, the modules also include opportunities to learn from policy practitioners who will share with you their experiences of real-world problems and policies.

The academic modules are taken alongside a number of more practically oriented modules. These applied policy modules include topics such as strategy, communication, finance, and negotiation. There are also professional skills sessions throughout the year which are designed to help you develop specific skills for successful careers in public policy.

In the third term, you will have the opportunity to select two modules which allow you to specialise on issues of personal interest to you. You will then undertake a summer project placement, for a minimum of six weeks, with a governmental, non-governmental, or private organisation to work on a mutually agreed policy-relevant issue. The BSG website provides more information about the summer project. At the end of your placement you will be required to submit a related policy analysis report and reflective essay. Following successful completion of the course you will then have the option to return to Oxford later in the year to take part in graduation-related events.



Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver each course in accordance with the descriptions 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. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions.

Expected length of course

12 months

Annual fees for entry in 2017-2018

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	£35,805	£3,021	£38,826
Overseas	£35,805	£3,021	£38,826

The fees shown above are the annual tuition and college fees for this course for entry in the stated academic year; 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.

Tuition and college 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 tuition and college fees).

Additional cost information

There may be additional fees associated with the 6 to 8 week summer project. Students choose their host organisation and the topic of their summer project depending on their individual interests. MPP students have undertaken their summer projects with organisations across all sectors; government, non-profit, international and the private sector. The location of summer projects also greatly varies depending on a student's interests. Some students decide to carry out their summer project in Oxford or elsewhere in the UK, some return to their home countries and others undertake projects elsewhere in the world. Therefore, costs associated with the summer project may vary depending on the location.

Students will need to meet the costs of travel, accommodation and living expenses, if applicable. Host organisations are sometimes able to provide funding for additional costs associated with a student's summer project. Where this is not possible students must seek alternative sources of funding. In addition, the School has a limited MPP summer project bursary fund to which students may apply for funding. The BSG website provides more information about the Summer Project.

Living costs

In addition to your 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 2017-18 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 1 month		Likely living costs for 9 months		Likely living costs for 12 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£250	£350	£2,250	£3,150	£3,000	£4,000
Accommodation	£538	£619	£4,844	£5,569	£6,459	£7,425
Personal items	£115	£255	£1,035	£2,295	£1,380	£3,060
Social activities	£40	£119	£358	£1,073	£477	£1,431
Study costs	£38	£83	£338	£743	£451	£991
Other	£22	£45	£196	£407	£261	£543
Total	£1,002	£1,471	£9,021	£13,237	£12,028	£17,649

When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2017-18, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 2% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs.

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