# Bachelor’s/Master’s with HAPPP & Public Policy

## Why Study Public Policy?
If you are an undergraduate Health Administration and Policy Program (HAPPP) 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, HAPPP students in the health policy track study the critical problems facing our health care system. The School 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.

HAPPP students may also choose a track other than health policy, such as economics, education policy, evaluation and analytical methods, public management, or urban 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 six graduate level courses as an undergraduate. Up to 12 hours of graduate course can be counted toward both the BA and the MPP.

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

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<th>Take this MPP course:</th>
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<td>SOCY 652 Health Care Organization and Delivery</td>
<td>HAPPP 452 Health Care Organization and Delivery</td>
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<td>ECON 652 Health Economics (with a strong Economics background)</td>
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<td>PUBL 652 Politics of Health</td>
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## 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 School of Public Policy.

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

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