Why Study Public Policy?
If you are an undergraduate at UMBC with an interest in public service and the public policy process, you should consider continuing your education at UMBC by earning a Master of Public Policy (MPP) through the Accelerated Pathways Program.

MPP students study the critical problems of our society and learn how to identify and implement solutions. The coursework provides students with the tools to develop and analyze public policies and influence the public policy process.

MPP students take a set of core courses and specialized courses in one of 6 areas: education policy, environmental policy, evaluation and analytical methods, health policy, public management, or urban policy.

The Accelerated Pathways Degree
The MPP degree requires 37 course credits, an internship, and the writing of a policy analysis paper. Once accepted into the Accelerated Pathways Program, you may take up to four graduate level courses as an undergraduate which may be counted towards you undergraduate and your graduate degrees.

In the Accelerated Pathways Program, you coordinate with your undergraduate advisor in your major and an advisor from the School of Public Policy to develop a curriculum to complete the two degrees. Here are examples of the core courses you would take as a junior or senior in the Accelerated Pathways program:

- PUBL 600 Research Methodology
- PUBL 601 Political and Social Context of the Policy Process
- PUBL 603 Theory and Practice of Policy Analysis
- PUBL 604 Statistical Analysis
- PUBL 613 Managing Public Organizations
- PUBL 623 Governmental Budgeting

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