



Hobby School of Public Affairs
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Hobby School Graduate Programs Comparison Chart

	Master of Public Administration (MPA)	Master of Public Policy (MPP)	Graduate Certificates
Program Emphasis	<p>Graduates will be prepared to act as ethical and innovative leaders.</p> <p>Focuses on the development of public service leaders through coursework in public management, strategic planning, budgeting for public agencies, program evaluation and policy implementation.</p>	<p>Graduates will be ready to address the most challenging policy issues.</p> <p>Focuses on strong quantitative and data analysis skills and cross-disciplinary competence, incorporating political science, economics, philosophy and statistics.</p>	<p>Provides professionals from various backgrounds with advanced training and instruction to enhance their careers.</p> <p>Focuses on specializations with practical applications to provide specific skill sets and expertise in public policy and public administration.</p>
Program Start	Spring and Fall	Spring and Fall	Spring and Fall
Length	<p>Full-time Enrollment: Two years (four to five semesters)</p> <p>Part-time Enrollment: Three to five years (six to 10 semesters)</p>	<p>Full-time Enrollment: Two years (four to five semesters)</p> <p>Part-time Enrollment: Three to five years (six to 10 semesters)</p>	<p>Full-time Enrollment: One year (two semesters)</p> <p>Part-time Enrollment: Two years (two to four semesters)</p>
Location	On campus with some online and hybrid courses available	On campus with some online and hybrid courses available	On campus with some online and hybrid courses available
Entrance Exam	GRE waived for 3.3 or higher undergraduate GPA or a completed master's or doctoral degree	GRE waived for 3.3 or higher undergraduate GPA or a completed master's or doctoral degree	No
Classes	12 courses (36 credit hours)	13 courses (39 credit hours)	4 courses (12 credit hours)
Specialization/Electives	A specialization and two elective courses	A specialization and two elective courses	One to two elective courses depending on the graduate certificate
Capstone Project	Yes	Yes	No
Internship Requirement*	Yes	Yes	No

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Estimated Total Tuition and Fees Cost**	Texas Residents: \$17,200 Non-Residents: \$36,000	Texas Residents: \$18,500 Non-Residents: \$38,500	Texas Residents: \$6,000 Non-Residents: \$12,000
Financial Support	Hobby School and university scholarships, limited teaching and research assistant positions for second-year students and loans	Hobby School and university scholarships, limited teaching and research assistant positions for second-year students and loans	No financial aid is available for those earning graduate certificates
Application Deadlines	Fall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Deadline: March 1 • International Applicants: May 1 • Domestic Applicants: August 1 Spring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Deadline: September 1 • International Applicants: October 1 • Domestic Applicants: December 1 	Fall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Deadline: March 1 • International Applicants: May 1 • Domestic Applicants: August 1 Spring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Deadline: September 1 • International Applicants: October 1 • Domestic Applicants: December 1 	Fall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Deadline: March 1 • International Applicants: May 1 • Domestic Applicants: August 1 Spring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Deadline: September 1 • International Applicants: October 1 • Domestic Applicants: December 1
Average Incoming Class Size	Fall: 12 Spring: 3	Fall: 25 Spring: 7	Fall: 4 Spring: 2
Average Years of Professional Experience***	5 years	2 years	5 years

** The Hobby School will assist students with internship placements. Those who are working may use their current position to fulfill the internship requirement if it's related to public administration/public policy and approved by the Hobby School. For the MPP, the internship course will still need to be completed.*

*** This is an estimate for tuition and fees prior to scholarships and financial aid and does not include housing, transportation, living expenses, books or other school-related expenses. Qualified non-Texas residents/international students can receive a scholarship that will reduce overall tuition and fees to match the Texas resident amount. This scholarship is renewed based on academic progress.*

**** Approximately 50% of all Hobby School graduate students begin their graduate program immediately after completing their undergraduate program.*