

# MASTER OF ARTS IN PUBLIC POLICY (M.A.P.P.)

The **Master of Arts in Public Policy (M.A.P.P.)** is a joint venture of Liberty University School of Law and Liberty University's Helms School of Government.

## Purpose

The purpose of the Master of Arts in Public Policy program is to train leaders, scholars, and policymakers from a Christian worldview perspective to shape public policy through electoral politics, political communications, legislation, program administration, and public policy research.

## Program Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission requirements, specific requirements for admission to the Master of Arts in Public Policy (M.A.P.P.) are as follows:

1. Earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.).
2. An undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above (on a 4.00 scale).
3. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper-based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test).

Students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement may be admitted on Academic Caution status. Applicants who hold a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.00 to 2.99 on a 4.00 scale may be eligible for admission on Academic Caution.

## Transfer of Credit

Students may transfer up to 18 hours of graduate-level credit from an accredited institution. In order to transfer credit, students must have earned the minimum grade of B-, and courses must have been completed within 10 years of the start date of the student's program at Liberty University. Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

## Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Evaluate public policy initiatives in the political context.
- Evaluate the impact of various political stakeholders in the public policy context.
- Synthesize various theoretical and philosophical models as they relate to the public policy context.
- Apply a model of Christian statesmanship to the public policy context.
- Apply knowledge of the literature in the public policy context.

## Program Format

The Master of Arts in Public Policy (M.A.P.P.) will be offered both residentially and online. The residential M.A.P.P. is offered with the base or foundational Master of Arts in Public Policy (M.A.P.P.) with a thesis

or non-thesis option. The online major offers a degree with a thesis or non-thesis option and six cognates: Public Administration, Middle East Affairs, International Affairs, Policy Studies, Leadership and Campaigns and Elections. The online major may also be augmented with a few optional residential intensive sessions typically, during times when the Liberty University School of Law is not in session, such as during the breaks or summer months.

## Programs of Study

### Delivery Format: Residential and Online

- Public Policy (M.A.P.P.)

### Delivery Format: Online Only

- Public Policy (M.A.P.P.) - Campaigns & Elections
- Public Policy (M.A.P.P.) - Chinese Affairs
- Public Policy (M.A.P.P.) - International Affairs
- Public Policy (M.A.P.P.) - Leadership
- Public Policy (M.A.P.P.) - Middle East Affairs
- Public Policy (M.A.P.P.) - Policy Studies
- Public Policy (M.A.P.P.) - Public Administration

### Delivery Format: Residential Only

- Public Policy (M.A.P.P.) - Think Tank & Policy Research

## Career Opportunities

- Public Relations Specialist
- Public Interest/Advocate Groups
- Research
- Politics