

WHY UBC

The University of British Columbia is located in the heart of Vancouver, a cosmopolitan city surrounded by nature that is widely regarded as one of the best places to live on the planet. UBC consistently ranks among the top 40 research universities in the world.*

The MPPGA program draws on UBC's unique location and the interdisciplinary expertise of the Liu Institute for Global Issues, the Institute of Asian Research, and the Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability.



a GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Every year, leading academics and top students from nearly 150 countries come to UBC to exchange ideas and gain global perspective in a welcoming learning environment that values diversity, equity and inclusion. As an MPPGA candidate, you will study alongside professors who are recognized experts in their fields with strong links to the international policy community.



an ASIA PACIFIC GATEWAY

Internationally recognized as North America's Asia Pacific gateway, Vancouver enjoys close economic and cultural ties with many countries in the region. Nearly half of Metro Vancouver residents have an Asian heritage—more than any other city outside Asia. In the MPPGA program, you will learn from a distinguished faculty that includes leading contemporary Asia Pacific experts in the world.



a SUSTAINABILITY LEADER

A global leader in sustainability, the City of Vancouver is taking steps to become the greenest city in the world by 2020. As an integral part of the community, UBC serves as a living laboratory for social, economic and environmental sustainability. The University is home to a respected network of globally connected sustainability experts who are continually pioneering new ideas on campus.

*Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai Ranking), Times Higher Education World University Rankings, U.S. News & World Report Best Global Universities Rankings, Taiwan Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities, and Webometrics Ranking of World Universities

BECOME A GLOBAL CHANGE MAKER

Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs

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GET the POLICY DEGREE the WORLD DEMANDS

The global policy landscape is complex and ever-changing. To succeed in this challenging environment, policy makers are accessing more information and using better communications tools than ever before.

The Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs (MPPGA) is a premier professional global public policy program at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. This two-year, full-time degree equips future leaders with the critical knowledge, skills and experience required to make an impact in the modern world.

INTEGRATED LEARNING

Infused with UBC's unique expertise on Asia Pacific and sustainability, the MPPGA program offers a mix of learning methods from multiple disciplines, including:

- Real-world case studies
- Field-based experiences
- Professional skills workshops

APPLIED SKILLS

This innovative program will give you an informed perspective on policy making in a high-tech world and a clear understanding of your ethical responsibilities as a policy practitioner. You will graduate with a digital portfolio of your skills and experiences, ready to work cross-sectorally in industry, government or non-profits anywhere in the world.

Expect to refine your skills in:

- Policy design, implementation and analysis
- Policy communication
- Policy evaluation



THREE WAYS to SPECIALIZE

UBC's MPPGA program offers an exceptional opportunity to examine complex political, socioeconomic, environmental and cultural issues from a global perspective while taking into account important regional and local dynamics.

Core classes in Year One focus on building fundamental policy skills with broad applicability. In Year Two, you can tailor your learning to your area of interest with electives in one of three streams.



DEVELOPMENT & SOCIAL CHANGE

If you aspire to drive positive change through government or a non-profit organization, this stream is for you. Your courses will provide a framework and tools for understanding economic and social change, with emphasis on human security, poverty and gender in Asia and other parts of the developing world.



RESOURCES, ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY

If you want to craft compelling policy solutions that engage stakeholders as sustainability leaders, choose this stream. Bridging natural and social sciences, your courses will introduce powerful approaches and tools for analyzing complex policy challenges related to climate change, renewable energy, food security and more.



GLOBAL GOVERNANCE & SECURITY

If you are fascinated by foreign policy, or want to influence governance and security measures across sectors and borders, consider this stream. Your courses will take a closer look at key policy challenges related to global economic governance, Asia Pacific security, human rights, human migration and human security.

ONE CAPSTONE CHALLENGE

A defining element of UBC's MPPGA curriculum is the capstone project. With this six-credit program requirement, you have the opportunity to apply your creative thinking and strategic design skills in the field. This is your chance to develop innovative policy solutions for real-world clients.

HOW IT WORKS

- 1 You will be grouped with other program participants and matched with a client from industry, government or the non-profit sector.
- 2 Each client will present a specific challenge facing its organization, providing context to help you understand and define the problem.
- 3 Collaborating closely with your client, faculty and one another in a policy studio and the field, you will gather data, analyze the problem, and design and test possible solutions, incorporating feedback as you go.
- 4 You will present your final policy recommendations in a policy report and symposium at the end of Year Two.



WHO ARE CAPSTONE CLIENTS?

UBC's MPPGA program attracts capstone clients from around the world, including:

- Private sector companies and consultancies
- National governments worldwide
- Intergovernmental organizations and development banks
- International foundations and research institutes
- Non-governmental organizations



"The modern policy practitioner is interdisciplinary, well trained and at home in a variety of professional settings: in front of a lectern at a conference, conducting interviews in multiple languages, sifting through an archive or analyzing data in an office."

—Assistant Professor Cesi Cruz, MPPGA Faculty Member