



BUILD YOUR VISION

We prepare future leaders to advance the common good in a diverse world. Humphrey School Master of Public Policy graduates develop the critical thinking skills needed to turn their vision for the future into effective governance. In this interdisciplinary program, you will dive deep into your interest areas and gain the analytic, organizational, and political skills needed to make societal change.

SPECIALIZATIONS:

- **Advanced policy analysis**
- **Gender and public policy**
- **Global public policy**
- **Politics and governance**
- **Public and nonprofit leadership and management**
- **Science, technology, and environmental policy**
- **Social policy**
- **Self-designed**

OUR IDEAL CANDIDATES

Solving societal problems requires participation by people from all backgrounds. Successful applicants share a few key traits:

- A vision for equity
- A desire to learn the analytical skills to address societal problems through policy
- Some work experience, whether professional or non-professional
- The ability to articulate what they need to succeed
- Previous coursework in math, statistics, or economics is a plus

PROGRAM POINTS OF PRIDE

Location

The Humphrey School sits in an area rich with vigorous public policy debate, a diverse population, many nonprofit organizations, Fortune 500 companies, foundations, and the seat of state government.

Diversity

Solving societal issues requires a wide range of approaches, so we seek students from diverse backgrounds. We then support them to graduate and succeed.

Networking

Because our students bring different life experiences, peer-to-peer networking is unrivaled. In your capstone project or internship, you will likely work with an alumni mentor in government, nonprofit, or business.

Vice President
Robert Humphrey





5%

The Humphrey School ranks in the top 5% of public policy schools



The Humphrey School is located in the vibrant city of Minneapolis, Minnesota



Humphrey School alumni are employed in nearly every region across the globe

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY?

Our graduates make public policy and manage organizations at the local, regional, state, and national levels. They are working in Minnesota, Washington, DC, and around the world in roles such as these:

- Executive director
- University administrator
- Policy analyst
- Program officer
- Researcher
- Arts administrator
- Elected official



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YOU WILL LEARN

- Critical thinking and research skills
- To dive deeply into complex social problems and how they came to be
- To understand institutions and power relationships
- To evaluate and address inequities, whether social, economic, or political
- To reflect on your own place in society, and what citizenship means to you

THE CURRICULUM

- Required core courses (15 credits)
- Foundational and advanced research methods (10 credits)
- Specialization courses (9 credits)
- Electives (to bring credit total to 45)
- Capstone project or professional paper (1-4 credits)
- Professional internship (200 hours)

Every student has the option to combine a Humphrey School degree with another University of Minnesota graduate or professional degree in law, social work, public health, or business.

FINANCING YOUR DEGREE

Students who apply by the deadline of Dec. 15 are automatically considered for a range of merit and need-based aid. Some students work as paid research assistants in their focus area. You may also be eligible for need-based financial aid or student loans.