# Master of Social Policy

Website: https://brownschool.wustl.edu/Academics/Joint-and-Dual-Degrees/Master-of-Social-Policy

## Degree Requirements

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#### Course Requirements

**Total credit hours:** 31 new MSP credits offered by the Brown School, in addition to 12 credit units (four courses) applied from approved graduate degree programs, for a total of 43 credits. To fulfill the MSP degree requirements, students must complete the following:

- Five required courses (15 credit units)
- Three elective courses (9 credit units)
- Short intensive courses (4 credit units)
- One internship (3 credit units)

#### Program Requirements

Students take at least one course from each foundation area. The minimum core requirement for each area must have been taken before a student may enroll in another course option. Students may take additional core course options as their electives.

### Statistics (3 credits)

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<td>MPH 5003</td>
<td>Biostatistics</td>
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<tr>
<td>MPH 5230</td>
<td>Applied Linear Modeling</td>
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<td>Students who have completed both Biostatistics and Applied Linear Modeling may also take doctoral-level courses, including the following:</td>
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<td>SWDT 5010</td>
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<td>SWDT 6000</td>
<td>Applied Linear Regression Analysis</td>
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<td>Structural Equation Modeling</td>
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<td>SWDT 6905</td>
<td>Propensity Score Analysis</td>
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<td>SWDT 6960</td>
<td>Survival Analysis</td>
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<tr>
<td>SWSA 5011</td>
<td>Economics of Social Welfare</td>
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<tr>
<td>SWSP 5650</td>
<td>Benefit-Cost Analysis</td>
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<td>MPH 5120</td>
<td>Health Economics</td>
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<td>SWHS 5018</td>
<td>Economic Realities of the American Dream</td>
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<td>SWSP 5861</td>
<td>Domestic Social &amp; Economic Development</td>
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<td>International Social &amp; Economic Development Policy</td>
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<td>Policy &amp; Advocacy in the Three Branches of Government</td>
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<td>Influencing Policy Implementation</td>
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<td>MPH 5107</td>
<td>Policy, Politics &amp; Power in Global Health</td>
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### Policy Analysis (3 credits)

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<td>SWSP 5842</td>
<td>Social Policy Analysis &amp; Evaluation</td>
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<tr>
<td>SWSP 5620</td>
<td>Advanced Policy Analysis: Policy Impact Assessment</td>
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<td>SWSP 5830</td>
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### Management (3 credits)

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<td>SWSP 5610</td>
<td>Public Administration, Finance &amp; Government Budgeting</td>
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<td>SWSA 5019</td>
<td>Leading &amp; Managing Employees, Volunteers &amp; Teams</td>
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**Elective Courses (9 credits)**

Students can draw from more than 40 elective course options and 25 skill labs. Electives generally fall into the areas of skills and analysis, current issues and policy topics, program and policy development, and economics and business. Please note that some electives may require instructor approval or have prerequisites, corequisites, or sequencing that must be completed.

**Short Intensive Courses (4 credits)**

MSP short courses engage students in timely areas of policy practice across a broad range of topics and skills. To complement the foundation and elective course work that students complete, the short courses are led by Brown School faculty and completed in intensive formats, typically over one to two weeks ahead of the fall semester.

**Internship (3 credits)**

A key component of the MSP program is a culminating internship during which students apply their course work and prior field experience toward identifying and completing significant opportunities for policy analysis, implementation and/or practice. To ensure a substantive experience that provides students with a quality practice experience while meeting the needs of diverse policy partner organizations, students complete 3 credits (360 hours) in a full-time policy role, typically over the summer; this generally involves approximately 36 hours per week for 10 weeks or 30 hours per week for 12 weeks.