



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
<b>Program Emphasis</b>	<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>
<b>Program Start</b>	Spring and Fall	Spring and Fall	Spring and Fall
<b>Length</b>	<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>
<b>Location</b>	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
<b>Classes</b>	12 courses (38 credit hours)	13 courses (39 credit hours)	4 courses (12 credit hours)
<b>Specialization/Electives</b>	A specialization and three elective courses	A specialization and two elective courses	One to two elective courses depending on the graduate certificate
<b>Capstone Project</b>	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Internship Requirement*</b>	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Estimated Total Tuition and Fees Cost**</b>	<p>Texas Residents: \$18,000</p> <p>Non-Residents: \$38,000</p>	<p>Texas Residents: \$18,500</p> <p>Non-Residents: \$38,500</p>	<p>Texas Residents: \$6,000</p> <p>Non-Residents: \$12,000</p>

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<b>Financial Support</b>	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
<b>Application Deadlines</b>	Fall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority Deadline: March 1</li> <li>• International Applicants: May 1</li> <li>• Domestic Applicants: August 1</li> </ul> Spring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority Deadline: September 1</li> <li>• International Applicants: October 1</li> <li>• Domestic Applicants: December 1</li> </ul>	Fall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority Deadline: March 1</li> <li>• International Applicants: May 1</li> <li>• Domestic Applicants: August 1</li> </ul> Spring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority Deadline: September 1</li> <li>• International Applicants: October 1</li> <li>• Domestic Applicants: December 1</li> </ul>	Fall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority Deadline: March 1</li> <li>• International Applicants: May 1</li> <li>• Domestic Applicants: August 1</li> </ul> Spring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority Deadline: September 1</li> <li>• International Applicants: October 1</li> <li>• Domestic Applicants: December 1</li> </ul>
<b>Average Incoming Class Size</b>	Fall: 12 Spring: 3	Fall: 25 Spring: 7	Fall: 4 Spring: 2
<b>Average Years of Professional Experience***</b>	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.*