

## Admissions

*The deadlines apply to both the MPP and graduate certificate programs.*

### Fall Application Deadlines

March 1: Priority deadline for scholarships

August 1: Application deadline

### Spring Application Deadlines

October 15: Priority deadline for scholarship

December 1: Application deadline

### Scholarships

Qualified students receive a Hobby School scholarship to help cover tuition and fees.

Awards range from \$500 to \$3000.

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"The MPP program introduced me to quantitative subjects such as statistics and economics and how to work with data. I became passionate about these subjects and I am now working as a Research Analyst at BakerRipley while working on another master's degree."

Alexander May, MPP, '18  
Research Associate, BakerRipley

"The MPP program gives students an edge in the field with expert and supportive faculty, a curriculum with a strong quantitative focus along with the school's commitment to teaching an ethical approach to policy making and leadership."

Sara Moran, MPP, '19  
Assistant Director, CHILDREN AT RISK

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## Master of Public Policy



# Master of Public Policy

The Master of Public Policy program welcomes candidates from all academic backgrounds. Hobby School training prepares graduates to develop ethical and pragmatic solutions for our current and future policy challenges.

## Why the Hobby School is for You: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach for Students from Multiple Backgrounds

The program will give you the professional skills you need to succeed in a public policy career:

- Quantitative and Data Analytical Skills
- Leadership Skills
- Ethical and Problem-Solving Skills
- Advanced Writing and Presentation Skills
- Interdisciplinary skills using political science, economics, computer science, business, and statistics

## What to expect:

- The 39-hour curriculum includes an internship.
- The schedule accommodates working students.
- Courses focus on quantitative methods, statistics, policy analysis, budgeting, and ethics.
- Graduates are also prepared for employment or a doctoral program with a quantitative emphasis.
- Qualified students receive a Hobby School scholarship to cover tuition and fees.

## Mission

From a foundation of integrity, the Hobby School of Public Affairs prepares its graduates to make government, business and communities work more effectively by harnessing data and research to improve public policy.

# Hobby School of Public Affairs

The Hobby School prepares students from a variety of academic backgrounds for careers in public policy through training in the policy-making process, research methods, leadership, and values and ethics in public life.

## Degrees

- Master of Public Policy
- Dual Degrees
- Graduate Certificates

## Center for Public Policy

- EITM Summer Institute and ICPSR Summer Workshops
- Concept Visualization Lab

## Public Service/Community Engagement

- Leland Fellows in Washington, D.C.
- Hobby Fellows in Austin
- Civic Houston Internship Program (CHIP)
- Civic Engagement Boot Camp
- Certified Public Management Program
- The Hobby Symposiums

## Civitas

- Hobby School Programming and Lectures
- Ethics in Policy Research and Practice

## Survey Research Institute

- Opinion Polling and Data Analytics

## Faculty

**John Antel, PhD**  
Professor

**Gail Buttorff, PhD**  
Visiting Assistant Professor

**Dan Engster, PhD**  
Professor  
Director, The Ethics Center

**Jim Granato, PhD**  
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