

# Public Pol & Governance 72 UOC - SRAPBS8259

## Stream Summary

**Faculty:** ARTSC - Faculty of Arts&Social Science

**School:** [School of Social Sciences](#)

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**Program:** 8259 - Public Policy and Governance

### **Award(s):**

Master of Public Policy and Governance (Specialisation)

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## Stream Outline

Policymaking plays a key role in the management and change of the economy and society. Policy is part of every field of practice, which has led to a rapid growth in the need for policy professionals in government, business, and social and political organisations.

The Master of Public Policy and Governance (MPPG) applies a social science perspective to questions of policy and management in modern organisations. You will acquire a solid grounding in policy analysis, policy evaluation and social research, the necessary skills and knowledge domains required for effective engagement within the policy process. You will be able to specialise in an area of direct relevance to your own interests, which may include Social Policy, International Development Policy or Policy Management.

The program will prepare you for professional practice, by fostering analytical skills and a practical appreciation of the processes of policymaking, the significance of research and evidence in driving policy change and the role of stakeholders in effective policy implementation. The Master of Public Policy and Governance places emphasis on developing the skills and perspectives needed for proficient assessment, evaluation and sensitivity to the effectiveness of policy programs in terms of the impact they have on clients, customers and the public.

Unique to the UNSW Master of Public Policy and Governance is the significant policy and research experience of the program's teaching staff. At UNSW, the staff involved in the MPPG have had direct experience either as policy makers or policy researchers in government, non-

government organisations and, the business sectors. Combined, they have over 20 years direct experience working at high levels inside government, from providing policy support to the Council of Australian Governments through to conceptualising, designing and implementing large scale policy across the states. Staff are also actively involved with non-government organisations in providing effectively policy research and evidence to support their advocacy and lobbying activities. These teaching staff bring their real life experience to the classroom, revealing the relationship between theory, research and everyday practice.

The Master of Public Policy and Governance aims to prepare students for work which requires analytical skills and a practical appreciation of the processes of policy-making and implementation. The program is oriented to the practice of policy, and prospective students are required to have relevant work experience. This may be in the public sector, unions, business or community organisations.

## Stream Structure

To qualify for the award of the degree, a student must successfully complete:

### Core courses (30 UOC)

- [SRAP5001 Policy Analysis](#) (6 UOC)
- [SRAP5004 Policy Regulation & Governance](#) (6 UOC)
- [SRAP5017 Policy and Advocacy](#) (6 UOC)
- [SRAP5101 Research Methods](#) (6 UOC)
- [SRAP5102 Project Design](#) (6 UOC)

### Prescribed research course (6-18 UOC)

Students choose one of the following:

- [SRAP5103 Research Report](#) (6 UOC)
- [SRAP5104 Research Project](#) (12 UOC)
- [SRAP5105 Research Thesis](#) (18 UOC)

### Prescribed electives (24-36 UOC)

- [BENV7715 Social Planning](#) (6 UOC)
- [BENV7721 Planning and Land Policy](#) (6 UOC)
- [COMD5001 Internat. Development Policy](#) (6 UOC)
- [EDST5436 Evaluation of Educ Prog](#) (6 UOC)
- [HPSC5500 Soc Env Policy](#) (6 UOC)
- [LAWS8185 Legal Lanscp.of Sharing Econ](#) (6 UOC)
- [PHCM9381 Policy Studies](#) (6 UOC)
- [POLS5120 Global Politics](#) (6 UOC)
- [POLS5121 International Organisations](#) (6 UOC)

- [POLS5122 IPE](#) (6 UOC)
- [SOCW7850 Issues in Social Development](#) (6 UOC)
- [SOCW7851 Community Development](#) (6 UOC)
- [SOCW7852 Politics of International Aid](#) (6 UOC)
- [SOCW7855 Rights Based Project Des&Eval](#) (6 UOC)
- [SOCW7858 ISD Project](#) (6 UOC)
- [SRAP5002 Info. & Research for Policy](#) (6 UOC)
- [SRAP5018 Power, politics and policy](#) (6 UOC)
  
- ATAX0301 Tax Policy (6 UOC)

Additional electives from across the University may be selected with the permission of the program coordinator.