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Education Policy

The Education Policy program acquaints students with the relevant history and institutions of social policy, develops their quantitative skills for program evaluation and the analysis of large data sets, and helps them grapple with the moral issues raised by inequality. Four required courses (Quantitative Analysis of Policy Issues, Foundations of Social Policy, Introduction to Policy Analysis and Evaluation, and the Project Course) anchor flexible master's degree programs for pre-career and mid-career students who may select courses in health, education, poverty, criminal justice, housing, and social services management, among others. A resident faculty with nationally-renowned expertise in various fields is complemented by a broader menu of relevant course offerings across other units of the College Park campus.

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Education Policy Specialization Requirements

General SOC Specialization (available to any student wishing a broad Social Policy focus)

- PUAF 611 "Quantitative Analysis of Policy Issues"
- PUAF 734 "Foundations of Social Policy"
- PUAF 689E "Program Evaluation and Cost-Benefit Analysis" (taken in the first year)
- PUAF 790 "Project Course" (required only for MPP students in the second year)
- One other SOC elective

Education Policy

- Same four required courses as for General SOC above plus two additional courses:
- PUAF 732 "Policy and Politics of Education Reform"
- EDPL 615 "Economics of Education"

Primary Education Policy Faculty

Name	Expertise
Apfel, Kenneth Professor of the Practice	Public management, federal budgeting, entitlement programs, public finance
Besharov, Douglas Professor	Poverty, welfare reform, child abuse/child welfare, family policy
Crocker, David Senior Research Scholar. IPPP	Ethics, development, foreign aid; democratization, and human rights
Feinstein, Fred Senior Research Scholar, Executive Programs	Labor issues
Foreman, Christopher Professor & Director of Social Policy Program	Political institutions; the politics of health, safety, and the environment; African Americans and public policy; environmental justice; government reform
Haaga, John Adjunct Professor	Demography
Levine, Daniel Assistant Professor	Philosophy, moral dimensions of policy problems, policy disasters
Meyer, Jack Professor of the Practice	Health policy
Reuter, Peter Professor	Economics of crime, illegal drug markets, criminal justice, regulation of vices

Short, Charles

Adjunct Professor

Social Service Management

Thernstrom, Stephan

Adjunct Professor

Urban Policy, Immigration

Centers Conducting Education Policy Research

Center for International Policy Exchanges (CIPE)

National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education

UMD Health Collaboration

Welfare Reform Academy

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