



## Master of Public Policy

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## Health Policy

The Health 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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## Health 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

### Health Policy

- Same four required courses as for General SOC above plus two additional courses:
- PUAF 735 “Health Policy”
- One other health policy course, including (for example):
  - PUAF 698K “Comparative Health Policy”
  - PUAF 699D “Disease, Disasters & Development”
  - PUAF 798G “Health Economics & Analysis”

# Primary Health 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

Economics of crime, illegal drug

**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 Health Policy Research

Center for International Policy Exchanges (CIPE)

National Center for Smart Growth Research and  
Education

UMD Health Collaboration

Welfare Reform Academy

## Health Policy Program Director

For more information on the social policy  
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