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Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

School of Public Policy
Master in Public Policy (MPP)
Information Brochure
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Master in Public Policy (MPP)

The MPP is a two-year full-time program offered by the School of Public Policy at IIT Delhi. It aims to train professionals who can contribute to the development of a more robust and societally relevant science, technology, and innovation (STI) policy ecosystem nationally and globally through direct engagement as practitioners in the policy space or through engagement with complementary spaces such as civil society and industry. Those with a more academic bent will be provided the inputs, training, and orientation to prepare them for research careers.

The objective of the program is to provide rigorous interdisciplinary training to students from diverse backgrounds and to transform them into top-quality policy professionals and policy scholars. The graduates are expected to be critical thinkers, analytically adept, and ethically committed professionals, capable of taking on STI & Public Policy issues in the spirit of furthering the public interest. Thus, in the long run, the MPP program would supply the human resources required to build institutional capacity and enhance the political processes on questions related to the intersectionality of STI and the public interest in India and beyond.

Admissions in to MPP

The admissions process will consist of an application (subject to institute minimum qualification criteria), followed by potential additional shortlisting by the school and/or a written examination. This will be followed by an online interview. For more details about the admissions process please visit the SPP website. [Click here](#)

Applications need to be made online on the institute PG admissions portal (<https://home.iitd.ac.in/pg-admissions.php>). All admissions will be subject to the MPP qualification criteria, which can be found in the [IIT Delhi information brochure on the admissions page](#).

Pedagogy

The MPP program is characterized by its appropriateness, rigor, diversity, and flexibility, focusing on active modes of learning. Pedagogical techniques includes case methods, group assignments, and engagement with policy practitioners, etc. There will be particular emphasis on employing active learning techniques appropriate to the learning objectives. These techniques could include classroom debates, discussions, and case methods where students are confronted with real-life policy problems. For the more quantitative learning objectives, problem sets, analytical and modelling projects shall be employed. Internships with policy agencies will also be encouraged and facilitated. We expect to engage on a continuing basis with practitioners, as visiting faculty or as guest lecturers and plan at least one session per course for practitioner inputs. We expect a significant emphasis on written and oral communication. Different kinds of assessments – formative (low stakes) and summative (high stakes) – will be used so that both the instructors and students can evaluate whether learning objectives are being met and used as feedback to improve the course design.

Minimum Eligibility Requirement for applying

Eligibility for Programmes: Qualifying degrees for the MPP programme are: five-year Bachelor's degree such as MBBS, BA LLB (Hon), B.Arch. or equivalent; four year Bachelor's Degree such as B.Tech., BSc (Ag), BVSc, B.Plan or equivalent; and post-graduate degrees such as MA, MSc, MPhil, Integrated MSc/MA, MTech or equivalent.

Minimum Qualification for Admission to Master of Public Policy Programme

Programme & Admission Type	Qualifying Degree	Minimum Performance in the Qualifying Degree for General /OBC (Non-creamy Layer) Category Students
Master of Public Policy (With focus on Science, Technology & Innovation (STI) and Development) Admission with written/ oral exam and personal interview	Five-year Bachelor's degree such as MBBS, BA/LLB (Hon), B.Arch. or equivalent; four year Bachelor's Degree such as B.Tech., BSc (Ag), BVSc, B.Plan or equivalent; Postgraduate degrees such as MA, MSc, MPhil, Integrated MSc/MA, MTech or equivalent	At least 60% or 6.0 CGPA on a 10-point scale.

Exemptions, Relaxations and Clarifications:

1. For SC/ST/PwD category candidates, minimum performance in the qualifying degree is relaxed from 60% to 55% (CGPA 6.0 to 5.50).
2. Qualifying degree performance is computed by aggregating performance over all semesters/years of the qualifying degree. Taking into account all subjects including languages and subsidiaries, all years combined).

Cohort Size

25 (20 Regular and 5 Sponsored)

Program Structure

MPP is a two-year full-time program, offered through four semesters.

Semester-wise break-up of the MPP Program

Semester I

S. No.	Course Title	Category	Credits
1.	Introduction to Public Policy and STI	Core	3
2.	STI and Sustainable Development	Core	3
3.	Statistics for Public Policy	Core	3
4.	Principles of Economics for Public Policy	Core	3
Total			12

Semester II

S. No.	Course Title	Category	Credits
5.	Public Institutions in India: theory and practice	Core	3
6.	Tools for Policy Analysis	Core	3
7.	Program Elective 1	Elective	3
8.	Program Elective 2	Elective	3
Total			12

Semester III

S. No.	Course Title	Category	Credits
9.	Research Methods for Public Policy	Core	3
10.	Program Elective 3	Elective	3
11.	Open Elective 1	Elective	3
12.	Policy Exercise/Thesis	Thesis	4
Total			13

Semester IV

S. No.	Course Title	Category	Credits
13.	Open Elective 2	Elective	3
14.	Thesis	Thesis	14
Total			17

Total Program Credits			54
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Students can have the option of doing their Open Elective 2 in the third semester, especially if the second part of their policy exercise/thesis requires fieldwork or client engagement. It will be possible for students to take approved elective courses outside of SPP.

Other aspects of the program

Internships: The MPP program does NOT require an internship. However, interested students can take up internships at the end of first year in the summer break, arranged on their own and/or through the help of the school. Students can also work with faculty members for a research internship during the summer break.

MPP thesis: Students are required to do thesis/dissertation, under the guidance of a faculty, in the four semesters of the program.

Indicative Elective Course List

S. No.	Course Title	Category	Credits
1.	Modelling Complex Adaptive Systems for Policy Analysis	SPL 711	Elective
2.	Comparative Industrial Policy	SPL 712	Elective
3.	Energy and Infrastructure Finance: A Public Policy Lens	SPL 720	Elective
4.	Governance Challenges in Energy Systems in Transition	SPL 722	Elective
5.	Perspective on Climate Change: Implications for Policy	SPL 721	Elective
6.	Causal Inference and Impact Assessment	SPL 740	Elective
7.	Socio-Economic Data Analysis	SPL 741	Elective
8.	Science, Technology & Innovation Policy and Agriculture	SPL 730	Elective
9.	Universities and the advancement of technologies*.	SPL 810A	Elective
10.	Urban Policy Issues*	SPL 810B	Elective

* Courses offered as exploratory electives, subject to approval.

Career Prospects

Graduating students of this program will be capable of taking an analytical, multi-faceted and long-term perspective on technological transitions and social change through a nuanced understanding of STI policies and processes. It is expected that the graduating students will work in various capacities (activists, consultants, researchers, academics) at various levels (local, regional, national, international) in various fields (agriculture, environment, health, education, and entrepreneurship), engaging with issues pertaining to (but not necessarily limited to) STI and Public Policy. Graduating students can find employment in the following kinds of organizations:

- Different levels of government administration & public bureaucracy
- The MPP curriculum is not geared towards preparation for the UPSC or any other government examination)
- Multilateral Agencies and Intergovernmental Organizations
- International/National Non-Governmental Organizations
- Academic and other Research institutions
- Private Sector (corporations, consultancies, research, journalism)
- Doctoral Studies across a range of policy-relevant fields

Class Profile

Candidates from diverse backgrounds (e.g., natural sciences, engineering, law, medicine, humanities, and social sciences) are encouraged to apply, as are those with work experience. Maintaining diversity in terms of disciplinary orientations, work experiences, socioeconomic backgrounds and inculcating peer learning through a collaborative process and availability of diverse cutting-edge subject matters will be the hallmark of the program.

Class profile of MPP students 2021-23

