

Master of Public Policy

Build evidence-based skills.
Lead measurable social impact.

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The University of Chicago

A community of scholars committed to free and open inquiry.

One of the world's great intellectual destinations, the University of Chicago empowers individuals to ask tough questions, cross disciplinary boundaries, and challenge conventional thinking to enrich human life.

UChicago's diverse and creative students and alumni drive innovation, lead international conversations, and make masterpieces. Alumni and faculty go on to become Nobel laureates, CEOs, university presidents, attorneys general, literary giants, and astronauts.



"The University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy has a long tradition of training leaders to use evidence and clear thinking to wrestle with the world's most complicated problems. That toolkit enables them to make a real impact in the world."

KATHERINE BAICKER
Dean and Emmett Dedmon Professor
Harris School of Public Policy,
The University of Chicago



Harris School of Public Policy

Combine a strong foundation in data analytics with elective options across UChicago to make a measurable difference in addressing the most challenging social problems.

Our renowned faculty spearhead innovative policy research, investigate solutions to prevent police misconduct, stop lead poisoning in children, and reveal why nations fail. You'll learn the latest methods for modeling and analysis of enduring challenges.



“My Harris policy degree and training, particularly the quantitative focus, gave me a tremendous amount of flexibility to pursue different areas. That skillset made me very attractive to employers, and I was ultimately hired to do urban planning because of my rigorous, interdisciplinary preparation at Harris and the fact that I understood data.”

KIMBERLY DRIGGINS, MPP'95
Executive Director,
Washington Housing Conservancy

Harris School of Public Policy

2020–21 Incoming Class Profile

STUDENTS



577

total students

56%
women

44%
men

UNDER-REPRESENTED MINORITY STUDENTS



22%

U.S. incoming

GLOBAL REPRESENTATION



36

U.S. states



38

languages



39

countries

51%*

U.S. students

50%*

international students

U.S. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

44%

Midwest

22%

South

17%

Northeast

17%

West

EDUCATION



14%

already hold
advanced degrees

YEARS OF WORK EXPERIENCE*

40%

0–1 years

29%

2–4 years

30%

5+ years

All data is accurate as of October 14, 2020. The number of students reflects the expected total enrollment.

*Due to rounding, numbers do not add up to 100%.

Take the core and more —personalize your path.

In the two-year Master of Public Policy degree, core courses in the first two quarters provide an invaluable foundation for applying learnings throughout your career. You can begin selecting electives from both Harris and divisions across the University in the spring quarter of your first year.

Harris' core curriculum equips you with a range of methods and theories to analyze problems effectively. You'll gain the critical thinking and rigorous, interdisciplinary analytical skills to cross sectors and lead measurable impact throughout your career.

Hone your expertise in your preferred policy area through elective courses at Harris and across the University, including the Booth School of Business, the Law School, and the Division of the Social Sciences.

FIRST YEAR — Core Curriculum

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
Microeconomics I	Microeconomics II	Elective
Statistics I	Statistics II	Elective
Analytical Politics I	Analytical Politics II	Elective

SECOND YEAR — Nine Elective Courses

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
Sample courses could include:*		
Order and Violence	Practicum on Inequality Household Finance, and Tax Policy	Introduction to Programming for Public Policy
Conflict: Root Causes, Consequences, and Solutions for the Future	International Trade, Banking and Capital Markets	Machine Learning and Policy
Hydropolitics	Corporate Finance	Data Skills for Public Policy

*Available elective courses are subject to change each year.

See all Harris programs: harris.uchicago.edu/academics

Customize your experience.



Join a diverse community of students from around the globe who will challenge and champion you.

At Harris, you can participate in more than 20 student organizations, from the Asian Policy Forum to Women in Public Policy. Harris Student Organizations are another outlet to make connections, put policy into practice, and develop and refine your leadership, teamwork, and project management skills.

Asian Policy Forum

Behavioral Economics
in Public Policy

Committee on
Muslims in Public Policy

Education Policy
Student Association

Global Affairs and Public Policy

Harris Community Action

Harris Consulting Club

Harris Energy and
Environment Association

Harris Student Government
*(the official student government
organization of Harris)*

Innovators in Social Policy

Inter-Policy School Summit

Latin America(n) Matters

Minorities in
Public Policy Studies

OutPolitik

Urban Policy Student Association

Women in Public Policy

11 Certificates at Harris



**DATA
ANALYTICS**
STEM Eligible



**ENERGY &
ENVIRONMENTAL**



**FINANCE
& POLICY**



**GLOBAL
CONFLICT STUDIES**



**HEALTH
POLICY***



**INTERNATIONAL
POLICY &
DEVELOPMENT**



**MARKETS &
REGULATION**



**MUNICIPAL
FINANCE**



**POLICY
ANALYSIS**



**POLITICAL
CAMPAIGNS**



**SURVEY
RESEARCH**

Explore all Harris certificates: harris.uchicago.edu/certificates



Learn alongside policy innovation leaders.

Harris faculty work at the frontiers of policymaking, asking tough questions to fearlessly address the world's most complex challenges.



Ariel Kalil

- Professor, Harris School of Public Policy
- Director, Center for Human Potential and Public Policy
- Co-director, Behavioral Insights and Parenting (BIP) Lab

Using tools drawn from behavioral economics and neuroscience, Kalil leads a variety of field experiments designed to strengthen parental engagement and child development in underresourced families.



James Robinson

- The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict and University Professor
- Institute Director, The Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts

Robinson, co-author of *The Narrow Corridor* (2019) and *Why Nations Fail* (2012), uses insights from game theory and global history to explore the underlying relationship between poverty and the institutions of a society and how institutions emerge from political conflicts.



"After taking Statistics II with **Professor Austin Wright**, I wanted to contribute to his research and gain experience in applying economic tools in the real world. Professor Wright was happy to have me assist him as the lead teaching fellow for the International Policy Action Lab."

GEET CHAWLA, MPP'21

Learn more: harris.uchicago.edu/directory/expert-guide



The Harris Experience

Engage with an active community of fellow students. Gain access to influential leaders working across the policy spectrum in private, public, and nonprofit organizations.

When you join Harris, you join an alumni network that's passionate about making a measurable social impact in their local communities and around the world.

Real-World Preparation

As an open data city, Chicago affords opportunities for Master of Public Policy students to engage with real data sets that can be used to create a measurable impact in policy innovation.

Mentor Program

Harris mentors call on their experience to help students connect academic training with practical opportunities to navigate their transition to professional careers.

harris.uchicago.edu/mentorprogram

Policy Labs

Harris Policy Labs is a unique initiative where teams of second-year students apply their rigorous core education to real-time public policy challenges faced by client organizations. Students who complete the program hold a competitive advantage in the job market.

harris.uchicago.edu/harrispolicylabs

Leadership Credential

Through completion of the Leadership Credential, Harris students build transferable skills: self-awareness, professional adaptability, project and program management aptitude, and communications expertise.

harris.uchicago.edu/leadership-credential

Centers and Institutes

Our research centers and institutes serve as catalysts for research and engagement with the policy community around the world. Harris also supports other partnerships and initiatives, and is home to the University of Chicago Urban Labs.

harris.uchicago.edu/research-impact/centers-institutes

Diversity and Inclusion



Harris is committed to fostering a community that engages students, faculty, and staff from a wide range of backgrounds and welcomes diverse perspectives.

Truly and thoroughly exploring policy issues requires the involvement and understanding of diverse viewpoints, experiences, and traditions including but not limited to: race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, religion, socio-economic background, and social or political belief.

Consistent with the University of Chicago's commitment to free expression, the Harris community consists of numerous students, faculty, and staff involved in organizations that work to encourage inclusion. Some organizations that have special roles in promoting inclusion at Harris are:

- The Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board
- Black Action in Public Policy Studies
- OutPolitik
- Asian Policy Forum
- Minorities in Public Policy Studies
- Harris Talks
- Women in Public Policy
- Latin America(n) Matters
- The Student Diversity and Programming Group

Read more about Harris' Diversity and Inclusion initiatives:
harris.uchicago.edu/about/diversity-inclusion



Your career trajectory takes off here.



Harris Career Development Office

The versatility of the Harris MPP degree means a wealth of career options. Whether it's your first job or your next role, whether you're looking to advance in your current organization or pivot to a new field, the Harris Career Development Office can help.



Careers

Harris graduates lead successful careers across sectors, throughout the United States, and around the globe. To help students and alumni refine their professional skills and search for career opportunities, the Harris Career Development Office provides many resources, including:

- Individual career counseling
- Workshops
- Employer information sessions
- On-campus and virtual recruiting events
- Employment database
- Internship support



Alumni Network

When you graduate from Harris, you join a lifelong network of more than **180,000** UChicago alumni and over **4,000** Harris alumni. Your new network is making a measurable impact in communities across the globe. Alumni serve as mentors to students and hire recent graduates in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

SELECTED EMPLOYER LIST



Read the 2020 Career Outcomes Report and see the full employer list: harris.uchicago.edu/CareerOutcomes



"I continue to really appreciate the warm relationships I've built through Harris. My classmates came to my wedding in India six years after I graduated. I'm impressed by the breadth and depth of the careers of my classmates and value them in my network."

GITA RAO, MPP'04

Chief Credit Officer, Primary Care Development Center

CLASS OF 2019

Career Outcomes

Total Number of Graduates



325



Male

46%



Female

54%



Students representing

37

countries

96%*

had job offers

*Represents percent of students who were seeking employment.

94%*

secured employment

90%

of those employed had accepted offers by three months of graduation

Top Policy Areas

Alumni working in policy-related careers most commonly reported working in the following policy areas:



ECONOMICS
AND FISCAL



HEALTH



FINANCE
AND TRADE



ENERGY

Average Years of Work Experience, including internships

0-1



23%

1-3



23%

3-5



20%

5+



34%



16%

of students have previous master's degrees

26%

domestic underrepresented minority

2%

of students pursued a PhD after graduation



Truth-seekers wanted.



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