

Changing the world begins here

In a world that's constantly changing, you can still make a difference. The Master of Public Policy (MPP) program at Oregon State University can help you get started. Through this interdisciplinary program, you'll gain the analytical skills and policy knowledge needed to make positive changes in society.



Make a career out of making a difference

OSU's MPP degree program prepares you for a variety of careers that shape public policy and social change. These include opportunities in federal, state and local government, non-profit organizations, as well as consulting and lobbying firms. You could work as a policy or budget analyst, a public agency director, a policy advocate, a researcher or a community organizer. You could even choose to run for elected office.

With the only MPP degree program in the Pacific Northwest, OSU integrates scientific discovery and policy research with emerging public issues. In addition to the MPP core curriculum, you can choose from seven concentrations: energy, environmental, international, law and crime, science and technology, social or rural policy.



“ One of the best aspects about the MPP was the ability to take my personal interests in policy and further develop them with academic knowledge and hands on experience. ”

Melissa Braybrooks

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Join a vibrant community on and off campus

The MPP program is more than just learning about community — it's becoming part of one. At Oregon State, you'll join more than 18,000 undergraduate and 3,900 graduate students from every state and nearly 100 countries.

Oregon State has earned a worldwide reputation for excellence in teaching and research, and it's the only Oregon university to hold the Carnegie Foundation's prestigious designation reserved for universities with "very high research activity." It is also one of only two land, sea, space and sun grant universities in the U.S.



The 420-acre Oregon State campus — listed on the National Register of Historic Places — is in the heart of Corvallis, a welcoming city of 53,000 in western Oregon. Corvallis is nationally recognized for its quality of life. Farmers Insurance Group and Sperling's Best Places rated Corvallis the "most secure" place to live in the U.S. in 2007. And the American Institute for Economic Research ranks Corvallis as the nation's seventh best college town.

You'll also find all kinds of ways to enjoy your free time, with art galleries, shops, eclectic restaurants, theaters, parks and hiking trails nearby. Head an hour west to the Oregon Coast, or head east for year-round recreation in the Cascades. And Portland, Oregon's largest city, is just 90 minutes away.

MPP alumni and students are making a difference.

Alex Johnson



A 2006 MPP graduate, Alex Johnson was recently promoted to serve as the U.S. Representative to the Permanent Council of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (also known as the Helsinki Commission) located in Vienna, Austria.

Khan Le

2010 MPP graduate Khan Le was awarded the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional

Studies Fellowship for 2010-2011. He is working with Congressman Michael Honda of California and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

Heather Boyd

MPP student Heather Boyd is working with Women in Progress (WIP), a fair trade and non-profit organization in the Cape Coast of Ghana. She is focusing on micro-finance, development, and how these relate to the concept of women's empowerment in an international context.

Sarah Kopper

MPP student Sarah Kopper has worked in Senegal for the African development nongovernmental organization Tostan. Her work with African communities focused on sustainable development, positive social transformation and human rights.

Alejandra Juarez

A 2010 MPP graduate, Alejandra Juarez was awarded a 2009-2010 Oregon University System Graduate Fellowship in International Research to support her fieldwork in Chiapas, Mexico.

MPP Concentrations

International Policy

- Includes faculty from economics, political science, sociology, and other departments and colleges.
- Opportunities to study, conduct research or complete internships abroad through OSU International Programs.

Environmental Policy

- Features Oregon State's top-ranked programs and faculty from the colleges of Forestry, Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, Science and Agricultural Sciences.
- Opportunities for research projects and internships through OSU's Institute for Natural Resources, Sun Grant and Sea Grant.

Science and Technology Policy

- Includes programs and faculty from the colleges of Science, Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, Liberal Arts and Engineering.
- Provides coursework and research in applying cutting edge science and technology to society's pressing policy issues such as renewable energy, climate change and social issues.

Social Policy

- Includes faculty from sociology, political science and other departments and colleges.
- Coursework, research and internships address contemporary social issues — housing, education, immigration, hunger and inequality — with practical approaches to solving them.

Rural Policy

- Works with OSU's Rural Studies Program through a combination of rural policy research and community internships.
- Provides hands-on experience helping rural communities achieve social and economic sustainability.

Energy Policy

- Available fall term 2011.
- Includes faculty from anthropology, economics, sociology, political science, the College of Engineering, Sea Grant and Sun Grant.
- Opportunities for internships and research in renewable energy policy including geothermal, solar, wave and wind energy technologies.

Law and Crime Policy

- Available fall term 2011.
- Includes faculty from economics, political science and sociology.
- Internships, coursework and research in applied settings in law and crime policy, including an opportunity to participate in the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program at the Oregon State Penitentiary.

For complete information about the MPP program, admissions, curriculum and concentrations, visit oregonstate.edu/cla/mpp