



# Master of Public Policy



## Drive the policies that shape the world

A Master of Public Policy (MPP) is a great catalyst for career advancement, equipping you with the analytical, strategic, and leadership skills on which global organisations rely. Through advanced training in policy design, evaluation, and evidence-based decision-making, you'll develop the expertise needed to tackle complex social challenges and influence real change.

Whether you're aiming for roles in government, international development, advocacy, consultancy, or research, an MPP opens doors to leadership pathways and positions you to contribute meaningfully to public outcomes at local, national, and international levels.

## Taught or research masters?

The MPP is available as either a taught or research masters, with 180-point or 120-point options, depending on your entry qualification and whether you would like to write a thesis.

Choose a research masters if you're driven by a specific question or creative project and may want to pursue academic or specialised work. If you want structured learning, flexibility, and a programme that strengthens your professional skills across a wider set of topics, then the taught option might be right for you.



The MPP cohort is a diverse, tight-knit and welcoming group of people who all share a passion for public policy. Over the course of the programme, we get so many opportunities to work together, support and learn from each other and build future networks.



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# Why study the Master of Public Policy?

## Study at a globally respected university

- Learn at New Zealand's highest-ranked university\*, known internationally for excellence in social sciences, governance, and policy research.
- Gain a qualification recognised and respected by employers, governments, and NGOs around the world.

## Develop real-world policy skills

- Build advanced capabilities in policy analysis, design, evaluation, and implementation.
- Learn how to turn evidence into action with strong training in research methods, critical thinking, and problem-solving.

## Taught by leading policy experts

- Work with academics and practitioners with experience in government, international organisations, and public-sector leadership.
- Benefit from mentorship that connects academic insight with practical policy expertise.

## Flexible learning options

- Choose from a diverse range of elective courses that let you specialise in areas such as social policy, environmental policy, health policy, governance, international relations and development.
- Tailor your masters to align with your career direction, whether you're preparing for practice, research or further study.

## Engage with real policy challenges

- Tackle contemporary issues affecting New Zealand, the Asia-Pacific region, and the global community.
- Opportunities for applied projects, case studies, and industry engagement help you build workplace-ready skills and a strong professional portfolio.

## Live and learn in Auckland

- Study in a welcoming, multicultural city that is home to a dynamic public sector and thriving civic organisations.
- Enjoy a safe, vibrant environment with strong student support.
- Everyone who graduates from the University becomes an alum for life and has access to a full range of benefits and services, including discounts and free publication subscriptions.



## How to apply

To start your application, go to [auckland.ac.nz/apply](https://auckland.ac.nz/apply)

If you have any questions, please contact our Student Hubs [auckland.ac.nz/studenthubs](https://auckland.ac.nz/studenthubs)

## International students

To start your application, go to [auckland.ac.nz/internationalapplication](https://auckland.ac.nz/internationalapplication)

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