The masters of public policy (MPP) is a 60-credit, two-year program. The MPP gives you the opportunity to analyze, create, and articulate innovative public policies responsive to the most challenging issues facing the United States, while respecting and supporting your passion to serve responsibly. In conjunction with other graduate programs at the University of Denver, MPP students can take specialized and approved courses in various policy specific areas. Policy emphasis are available in the following areas: education policy, business and government, energy and environmental policy, social policy and nonprofit management, communications and public affairs.

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**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

Core Courses (28 total credits):
- The American Public Policy System
- Microanalysis for Public Policy Analysis
- Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Analysis
- Analytical and Critical Skills
- Cost-Benefit Analysis
- Public Management and Budgeting
- Regulatory Policy and Process

Great Issues Forums (12 total hours): The Great Issue Forums are a series of policy seminars focused on some of the nation’s most current issues. The topics of these unique seminars rotate frequently, as expertise and events warrant, and are an integral part of the MPP program. Recent examples include:
- Building a Sustainable Colorado
- The Economics of Great Powers
- Immigration
- The Initiative Process

Policy Memorandum (4 credits): As the capstone project of your MPP experience, the Policy Memorandum integrates the knowledge and skills you will learn in and outside the classroom. The Policy Memorandum will give you the opportunity to experience firsthand the type of practical and professional work often required of a policy analyst. You will identify and define a real-world policy issue; analyze the issue by conducting research, gathering data and interviewing professionals with opposing views; analyze the costs and benefits of the issue; and recommend courses of action.

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CAREERS

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GRADUATE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Application
- Application fee ($65 online fee)
- One official transcript from each higher education institution you have attended (including English translations when applicable). Send transcripts in an official, sealed envelope bearing an official stamp from the Registrar’s Office across the envelope’s seal.
- Official GRE test scores (University of Denver code is: 4842)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose (500-750 words)
  ► Explain why you have chosen to pursue a graduate degree in Conflict Resolution and how the degree program you have chosen will prepare you to reach your specific career goals.
- Resume
- International Students
  - Visa eligibility documents (I-20)
  - TOEFL scores (non-native English speakers; University of Denver code is 4842)

CLASS PROFILE

Each year, about 180 students enroll in the MA programs at the Josef Korbel School.

Average GRE Scores (new scoring system):

► Verbal: 157
► Quantitative: 151
Average GPA: 3.41
Average Age: 26 years
Age Range: 21–54
Average Class size: 20
Females: 55%    Males: 45%
Non-US Students: 10.6%
Citizenships represented: 27

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