Academic Programs of the LBJ School of Public Affairs

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Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs

Since 1970, the Lyndon B. Johnson School has built a tradition of public service and cutting-edge research on public policy challenges of our time.

The LBJ School prepares students to be leaders in our society, conducts research in innovative public policy, provides continuing education for public service professionals, and fosters informed public debate on leading public issues.
Education at the LBJ School

In 35 years of education and service, the LBJ School has awarded more than 2,600 Master of Public Affairs degrees. Alumni have been elected to public office and appointed the key policy and management positions within government and the private and nonprofit sectors.

The degree programs include a Master of Public Affairs, a Master and Global Policy Studies, a mid-career master’s degree, eight master’s-level dual degrees programs, and a Ph.D. in Public Policy.

The LBJ School sponsors non-degree training professional development programs for public administrators and elected officials.

Masters in Public Affairs Design

The M.P.Aff. curriculum includes 48 credit hours designed to provide students with a foundation of analytic and management techniques.

Students apply these skills through policy and management seminars, a client-oriented policy research project, and a summer internship in a public affairs setting.

Students can define a course of study by choosing classes in many policy areas or by focusing in one of seven areas of specialization.
Masters in Public Affairs - Required Courses

Politics and Process
Public Financial Management
Introduction to Quantitative Analysis
Policy Research Project
Advanced Management
Applied Microeconomics for Policy Analysis
Advanced Empirical Methods for Policy Analysis

Masters in Public Affairs - Specializations

International Affairs
Natural Resources and the Environment
Non-profit and Philanthropic Studies
Public Management and Leadership
Social and Economic Policy
Technology, Innovation, and Information Policy
Urban and State Affairs
Masters in Public Affairs - Dual Degrees

- Business/Public Affairs
- Communication/Public Affairs
- Community and Regional Planning/Public Affairs
- Engineering/Public Affairs
- Law/Public Affairs
- Asian Studies/Public Affairs
- Latin American Studies/Public Affairs
- Middle Eastern Studies/Public Affairs
- Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies/Public Affairs

Master of Global Policy Studies

The Master of Global Policy Studies (MGPS) degree equips professionals with the tools and knowledge necessary to be leaders in an increasingly interdependent world.

The MGPS degree offers a multidisciplinary approach to the complex economic, political, technological, and social issues of the 21st century.
Master of Global Policy Studies - Required Courses

Policymaking in the Global Age
International Economics
Nature of the International Systems
Analytical Methods in Global Studies
Microeconomics
Crisis Management

Masters of Global Policy Studies - Specializations

- Security, law, and diplomacy
- International energy, environment, and technology
- Regional international policy
- International trade and finance
- Development
- Global governance and international law
- Any student can customize a specialization
Masters of Global Policy Studies - Dual Degrees

Business/Global Policy Studies
Communication/Global Policy Studies
Community and Regional Planning/Global Policy Studies
Engineering/Global Policy Studies
Law/Global Policy Studies
Asian Studies/Global Policy Studies
Latin American Studies/Global Policy Studies
Middle Eastern Studies/Global Policy Studies
Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies/Global Policy Studies

LBJ School’s International Programs

Internships
Teaching
Research
Service
Agreements
Prospects for International Dual Degrees

- 37 hours of LBJ School course
- 30 hours (10 courses) from another institution
- Theses, report or no report option
- Internship

International Internships

The LBJ School maintains a staff to arrange internships for all students who do not have significant experience prior to graduate study.

The LBJ School places about one of five students in international internship all over the world.

The LBJ School has long-term agreements for internship and exchange of interns with universities in many nations.
International Teaching

LBJ school faculty teach on a regular basis in universities around the world.

Some teaching reflects long-term cooperative teaching agreements between the LBJ School or The University of Texas at Austin and universities in other nations.

The LBJ School offers courses for students from foreign nations in Austin. Such courses are usually developed under contracts or agreements.

Approximately 15 percent of LBJ School students are of international origin.

International Research

Almost all LBJ School faculty conduct research outside of the U.S.A. as well as within the U.S.

The Strauss Center for International Law and Policy supports research on: global governance; energy environment and climate change; diplomacy and international law; and globalization and American foreign policy.
International Service

LBJ School faculty, staff and students are engaged in outreach and service in nations around the globe.

International Agreements

The LBJ School has international agreements with universities, units of governments, not for profit organizations or for profit businesses in various nations.

Agreements usually require that each party pay for its own activities, except where the parties choose to assist each other financially.