MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

- **Face to Face**
- **Evening/Weekend**
- **Online**
- **Hybrid**
- **Accelerated**

Mode of Instruction Definitions

- **Accelerated**: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students are able to complete a program with minimal disruptions to careers and other commitments.
- **Evening/Weekend**: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.
- **Face-to-Face**: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.
- **Hybrid**: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.
- **Online**: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirements Detail

- **Minimum Credit Requirement**: MIPA: 42 credits
  - MIPA accelerated track: 36 credits
- **Minimum Residence Credit Requirement**: MIPA: 16 credits
  - MIPA accelerated track: 36 credits
- **Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement**: Half of degree coursework (21 out of 42 total credits) must be completed in graduate-level coursework. For MIPA accelerated track, 19 of 36 must be completed in graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university's Course Guide (https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/).

Overall Graduate GPA Requirement

3.00 GPA required.

Other Grade Requirements

Students must earn a BC or above in all core curriculum coursework. A grade of C is the minimum grade permitted in elective courses that count toward a La Follette School degree.

Assessments

- **n/a**

Examinations

- **n/a**

Language

- **No language requirement**

REQUIRED COURSES

Students must complete 42 credits, including six core courses, a one-credit professional development seminar, plus eight elective courses. An internship can count for up to three elective credits. The program generally takes two years.

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Recommended Electives in International Public Affairs

Students build proficiency beyond the core requirements through elective courses, including:

- **PUB AFFR 819** Advanced Statistical Methods for Public Policy Analysis | 3
- **PUB AFFR 827** Administrative Internship | 1-3
- **PUB AFFR/ POLI SCI 871** Public Program Evaluation | 3
- **PUB AFFR/ A A E/ENVIR ST/ POP HLTH 881** Benefit-Cost Analysis | 3

Regional Focus Fields

Regional focus fields develop broad expertise in a geographic region by clustering courses, including language courses, across several disciplines, typically emphasizing courses in the social sciences. In building regional focus fields, MIPA students take advantage of the university’s strong area studies centers, which include:

- African Studies (http://africa.wisc.edu)
- East Asian Studies (http://eastasia.wisc.edu/)
- European Studies (http://uw-madison-ces.org/)
- Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies (http://lacis.wisc.edu/)
- Middle East Studies (https://mideast.wisc.edu/)
- Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies (http://creeca.wisc.edu/)
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- South Asian Studies (http://southasia.wisc.edu/)
- Southeast Asian Studies (http://seasia.wisc.edu/)

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International Public Affairs and Urban and Regional Planning (MIPA/M.S. URPL)

The La Follette School of Public Affairs and the Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture offer a double degree Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning and a Master of International Public Affairs. Students completing the double degree must follow the double degree plan. The Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture requires 45 credits for the Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning. The La Follette School requires 36 credits for the Master of International Public Affairs. Per UW-Madison Graduate School policy, an overlap of 25% of credits is permitted (9 credits can count toward both degrees). Students can graduate with both degrees by completing 72 credits in three years.

Graduate coordinators for both programs have sample curricular plans that they will share with prospective or current students to assist with successful completion of all degree requirements.