LEAD FROM ANYWHERE
HERE AT THE
FRANK BATTEN SCHOOL
OF LEADERSHIP AND
PUBLIC POLICY,
WE ARE CONCERNED WITH
ONE QUESTION: HOW DO WE
LEAD THE WORLD
TO POSITIVE, LASTING
CHANGE?

“WE ARE COMMITTED to transforming students into change agents providing innovative solutions to pressing societal problems, and we are uniquely positioned to follow through on this vision. As pioneering visionaries, we see greatness in our future. Join us in authoring a new model. Join us in transforming the world.”
—DEAN ALLAN C. STAM
The Batten MPP

What the MPP entails

The Batten MPP is a two-year, full-time graduate program. Students must complete 49 credits, as well as participate in a summer internship between the first and second year. The capstone of the program is an Applied Policy Project in which students perform a professional-quality study for a real-world client under faculty supervision.

Core Curriculum

The Batten MPP curriculum consists of ten three-credit core courses. Students are also required to take 15 elective credits, which allow them to gain substantive expertise in their areas of policy interest.

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Dual Degrees Offered

- MPP/JD (4 years), with the School of Law
- MPP/MBA (3 years), with the Darden School of Business
- MPP/PhD (5-6 years), with the Curry School of Education
- MPP/MPH (3 years), with the School of Medicine’s Public Health Sciences Program
- MPP/MUEP (3 years), with the School of Architecture’s Urban and Environmental Planning Department

Electives

The Batten School attracts some of the nation’s best scholar-practitioners as faculty, providing students with topical knowledge to help prepare them to tackle the most pressing policy challenges.

SAMPLE 3-CREDIT ELECTIVES

- Congress 101: Leadership Strategies
- Sustainability Policy Design and Evaluation
- Development Economics
- Wise Interventions: Social Psychology and Public Policy
- Federal and State Budgeting
- Health Care Politics and Policy
GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES
The Batten School offers a variety of global learning opportunities during spring and summer breaks. Recent programs were held in Colombia, Denmark, Dominica, Hong Kong, India, and Northern Ireland.

SAMPLE 2-CREDIT POLICY CLINICS
- VA Transition Team Clinic
- Social Policy Clinic
- Community Consulting Clinic: Social Change Consulting
- Fiscal Policy Clinic

SAMPLE 1-CREDIT SHORT COURSES
- Data Wrangling
- Game Theory
- Cyber Security Policy
- Climate Politics

POLICY COURSES AT UVA
Students may also choose to take electives at other graduate and professional schools across the University. Courses must be approved by the Director of Academic Programs and Registrar. Recent policy-related courses include:

- Data Analysis & Optimization  
  Darden School of Business
- Environmental Policy & Planning  
  School of Architecture
- Global Health & Human Rights  
  Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
- Public Health Law, Ethics, and Policy  
  School of Medicine
- Urban Law and Policy  
  School of Law
- U.S. Education Policy  
  Curry School of Education
Faculty

The Batten School considers not only academic rigor, but real-world experience, political impact, teaching, and mentoring when recruiting and promoting faculty members. In response to surging demand, our faculty has expanded to more than 65 interdisciplinary scholars. As researchers and professors of practice, they are shaping the future. Their areas of focus reflect the drive and research of some of the sharpest minds at work in policy today.

SEBASTIAN TELLO-TRILLO — Professor of Public Policy and Economics. Tello-Trillo is an economist whose research focuses on how policies affect individuals’ health behaviors and economic outcomes. His areas of interest lie within health economics, econometrics and development economics.

KIRSTEN GELSDORF — Director of Global Humanitarian Policy. Gelsdorf brings twenty years of experience working in the humanitarian sector; most recently serving as the Chief of the Policy Analysis and Innovation section at the United Nations Office of Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

When I come across students interested in humanitarian policy, it makes my work worth it. I’m so excited for the next generation to come in and tackle the difficult and complex humanitarian challenges facing our world today.” — PROFESSOR GELSDORF

Research and Engagement Centers

The Batten School is a university-wide asset, a hub that facilitates cross-disciplinary research, teaching and training, and creates meaningful exchanges throughout UVA and beyond. Our research centers reflect that commitment.

National Security Policy Center
Facilitates informed communication and strategic clarity to contribute to international peace and successful U.S. foreign policy by engaging with national security concerns and military issues, combined with innovative education and training programs in net assessment.

Center for Effective Lawmaking
Holds our representatives in Congress accountable for real results by clearly demonstrating each individual’s effectiveness in moving legislation forward.

Center for Education Policy and Workforce Competitiveness
Brings together researchers to provide relevant research to improve educational outcomes and the competitiveness of labor in an era of globalization.

Center for Leadership Simulation and Gaming
Engages Batten and beyond in simulations of policy decisions applied in specific communities.

Center for Health Policy
Brings the medical and policy communities together to improve health outcomes nationally and internationally.

Global Policy Center
Builds a network of international students and UVA students with international experience to change the global landscape after graduation.

Social Entrepreneurship @UVA
Educates students across Grounds on creating and participating in profitable and socially beneficial ventures.

Sponsored by the Global Policy Center and the Social Entrepreneurship @UVA initiative, students traveled to Dominica to gain global field experience. Batten professor Bevin Etienne, who hails from the region and has worked in promoting and developing social ventures in Dominica and the wider Caribbean region, led the program.
Tuition and Fees

Tuition and Fees for the MPP for Academic Year 2018-19 are:

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\text{IN-STATE} & \quad \$28,156 \\
\text{OUT-OF-STATE} & \quad \$50,936
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In addition to tuition and fees, students must consider the cost of books and supplies, housing, and other living expenses.

Funding Your Graduate Education

At Batten, we are committed to working with each student to explore all funding options, with the goal of maximizing the amount of funding available. Students typically cover the cost of their MPP through one or more of the following funding sources:

FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships are the primary means by which the Batten School provides financial aid to its students. They are awarded on a per-semester basis in the form of indirect aid that is given on the student’s behalf to cover the cost of tuition and fees. At Batten, we consider fellowships as unearned aid; therefore, no work or repayment is required to receive them. We offer two types of fellowships:

- Merit-Based Fellowships
  Awards are based on the materials submitted in the student’s application, so no additional information is required. These fellowships are typically offered for both years (four semesters) of graduate study, as long as the student remains in good academic standing.

- Need-Based Fellowships
  Students with demonstrated financial need may apply for a need-based fellowship in their second year of graduate study.

  Batten also awards three need-based Bocock-Hitz Public Service Fellowships (see sidebar on following page) each year to first-year MPP students interested in pursuing a career in public service.

LEARN MORE ABOUT FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS: BATTEN.VIRGINIA.EDU/ADMISSIONS/TUITION-FINANCIAL-AID
This past summer I was working abroad and woke up one morning to an email that I had been awarded the Bocock-Hitz Public Service Fellowship. I was honored to be recognized for my commitment to public service and the fellowship will help me to pursue a career in that line of work. I am very grateful for the generous fellowship and the many ways Batten has supported me during my time here. —KATHRYN BABBIN, MPP ’19

I received the Fellowship based on my public service to UVA and to the U.S. government by creating the French Culture Club at UVA and serving as its current standing president for three years now, and for working for the U.S Diplomatic Mission to Morocco for the past three summers. It helped me complete the MPP by providing me with the financial means to be able to attend UVA and purchase materials needed for the continuation of my studies. —MERWAN BENAMOR, MPP ’20

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS
Second-year MPP students may serve as a graduate teaching assistant (GTA). Approximately 10-12 GTA positions become available each semester. Those selected receive tuition remission in the amount of in-state tuition for that semester, plus $6,000 in wages and health insurance.

Note: for out-of-state students selected as GTAs, in-state tuition remission replaces the original fellowship for that semester. However, if the fellowship is valued at more than the in-state tuition and fees, a departmental award is applied in order to equal the value of the original fellowship.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT
Graduate students are also eligible to apply for other part-time employment opportunities at the Batten School. The most common types of positions are, Graduate Grader, Graduate Tutor, Research Assistant, and Staff Assistant. Students may also find employment within other parts of the University or in the local community. Per University policy, students may work no more than 20 hours per week in University jobs while school is in session.

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS
Many Batten students receive external fellowships or scholarships. The School partners with some of the world’s most prestigious programs, including AmeriCorps and the Truman, Pickering, Payne and Rangel Fellowships. AmeriCorps volunteers and recipients of these fellowships receive an application fee waiver, and those admitted into the Batten School receive a guaranteed minimum fellowship for both years of study. Applicants are strongly encouraged to pursue sources of additional external funding.

LOANS
Students with remaining financial need may take out student loans. You may apply by completing a FAFSA application, using UVA school code 003745.

MILITARY BENEFITS
Educational benefits are available for veterans, family members of veterans, and active duty military personnel. To determine your eligibility and benefits, please consult your Education Services Officer (ESO) or contact UVa’s Veterans Affairs Coordinator.

Batten alumni working in the public, private and non-profit sectors again and again say that Batten not only led them to their positions but prepared them for the tasks and challenges they encounter in their post-Batten careers.

—BAYLEE EBY, MPP ’15

While taking a Social Entrepreneurship course with Christine Mahoney through Batten, we had to do case studies that examined companies that lifted people out of poverty by providing greater economic opportunities. In this course, we actually did an exercise where we had to create our own social impact brand by filling out the Social Lean Canvas Template and present it to the class. I later used the exact worksheet that we filled out in professor Mahoney’s class to plan out Dreamer & Co. This was one of the courses that provided me with the understanding, tools, and confidence to start Dreamer & Co.”
Alumni in the World

MAKAYLA PALAZZO, MPP ’18
With a background in economics, Palazzo was always interested in bridging the gaps between community engagement, accountability, and data analysis in humanitarian aid. She now works in Jordan for the Swiss NGO, IMPACT Initiatives.

“"My Batten experience—and the professors I studied with—all helped me to better define my interests and decide exactly what it was that I wanted to do when I got to this place.""

MAYURA IYER, MPP ’16
Following graduation, Iyer’s passion for education policy led her to join Teach for America (TFA), where she taught 11th grade U.S. history in Dallas. She currently teaches English in Mexico with the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

“I thought I wanted to pursue a career in education policy right after graduation, but my Applied Policy Project made me realized that policymakers rarely have classroom experience. That’s why I applied to TFA.”

MPP CLASS OF 2017 FIRST DESTINATIONS DATA

$63,909
AVERAGE REPORTED SALARY

$12,346
AVERAGE REPORTED SIGN-ON BONUS

Sample Employers and Destinations:

State Government: 17%
Federal Government: 9%
Full Time Service (e.g., Americorps, Peace Corps, Military): 6%
International Organization: 2%
Nonprofit Sector: 8%
Private Sector: 12%
Research Institution or Think Tank: 6%
Consulting (government and nonprofit clients): 27%
Consulting (private sector clients): 9%

Additional Higher Education: 2%
Competitive Fellowship: 8%

OF STUDENTS SEEKING HAVE A FIRST DESTINATION

94%
The University of Virginia’s campus, or what is often referred to as Grounds, is easy on the eyes. Steeped in history, UVA is located in Charlottesville, Virginia—which is consistently ranked as one of the best places to live in America. Charlottesville offers stunning beauty, extraordinary culture and an inexhaustible list of things to do. In the span of a single day, you can go horseback riding, dine at a five-star restaurant and catch a concert at one of the many performance venues downtown. Charlottesville brings together the best of many worlds, offering the livability and community found in smaller cities with the amenities and cultural attractions of a metropolis.
Just by being at Batten I have been exposed to so much. From the speakers who visit the Great Hall to our faculty and staff with their variety of disciplines and backgrounds, I am not only learning a lot but am given access to opportunities that I would not normally have access to if I were not a student here. I would not have an internship at the State Department in London this summer without Batten.”

—BEN TEESE, MPP ’20

Application Information

Deadlines

Round One Deadline........................January 15, 2019
Round Two Deadline........................March 25, 2019
Round One Notification.......................March 4, 2019

Round Two Notification.......................rolling
Deposit Deadline..............................April 15, 2019

Requirements

➢ Resume or Curriculum Vitae
➢ Four Essays
➢ Two Letters of Recommendation
➢ Test Scores. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) aptitude test is required (please use code #0587). Students applying for the joint JD/MPP may submit the LSAT in place of the GRE. Students applying for the joint MBA/MPP may submit the GMAT in place of the GRE. Test(s) must be taken within five years of application.
➢ Unofficial Transcripts. Should you gain acceptance to the MPP program, a required official transcript will be requested at that time.
➢ $75 Non-Refundable Application Fee. For certain applicants (including AmeriCorps and Peace Corp alumni, U.S. veterans, and partner institutions), the Batten School application fee is waived.

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