

Master of Public Policy (SCM101.2)

Please note these are the 2026 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	
Delivery mode	Online
Location	UC - Canberra, Online
Duration	2.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra School of Government
UAC code	
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.5 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent). View IELTS equivalences

International students

Selection rank	
Academic entry requirements	To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page. View UC's academic entry requirements
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About this course

Shape policy, influence decision-making and lead public impact

UC's Master of Public Policy is a contemporary, applied and fully online degree designed for professionals working across government, public service and community-focused sectors.

In this course you will develop advanced skills to analyse, design and evaluate public policy in a rapidly changing public sector. With a core focus on data analytics, economic modelling, policy analysis and policy evaluation, you will learn how to transform research into actionable policy solutions, manage stakeholder engagement, write professional briefs and respond to real-world challenges facing Australia's dynamic public sector. Informed by UC's Indigenous engagement strategy, this course reflects the University's commitment to addressing complex and critical issues facing Australia's public sector.

Tailor your study pathway through flexible entry and exit points, including graduate certificates or a graduate diploma that articulate into the Master's. Taught by experts with close ties to the policy community, the program ensures your learning reflects current practice and prepares you for impactful roles in diverse policy environments.

Study a Master of Public Policy at UC and you will:

- analyse and evaluate public policies using contemporary policy frameworks, data analytics and evidence-based approaches.
- apply economic modelling and quantitative methods to inform effective public policy decision-making.
- develop advanced skills in policy design, implementation and evaluation across government and non-government contexts.
- critically examine complex public sector challenges, including social, economic and governance issues in Australia's dynamic policy environment.
- build practical advocacy and leadership skills to influence policy outcomes across the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

Career opportunities

- Policy Analyst
- Public Policy Advisor
- Senior Policy Officer
- Government Relations Manager
- Program or Project Manager
- Public Sector Manager
- Advocacy and Stakeholder Engagement Lead
- Not-for-Profit Policy Manager
- Research and Evaluation Specialist

100% Online

UC's 100% online Master of Public Policy will help you deliver policies that transform experiences and positively impact communities across the public realm. Click through to download our course brochure to learn more.

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Admission requirements

A completed bachelors degree or completion of the Graduate Diploma in Public Policy or the Graduate Certificate in Public Policy or the Graduate Certificate in Policy Evaluation.

Assumed knowledge

None.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 2	16 March 2026		

2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 3	11 May 2026	✓	✓
2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 4	06 July 2026	✓	✓
2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 5	31 August 2026	✓	✓
2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 6	26 October 2026	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 1	18 January 2027	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 2	15 March 2027	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 3	10 May 2027	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 4	05 July 2027	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 5	30 August 2027	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 6	25 October 2027	✓	✓

Credit arrangements

A credit transfer arrangement is available for this course for the following institutions:

University Of Canberra

[Graduate Certificate in Gender Policy \(35391\)](#)

[Graduate Diploma in Public Policy \(35390\)](#)

[Graduate Certificate in Public Policy \(35389\)](#)

[Graduate Certificate in LGBTQIA+ Policy \(35392\)](#)

Course requirements

Master of Public Policy (SCM101) | 36 credit points

Required - Must pass 30 credit points as follows

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

[Foundations of Public Policy G \(11790\) | 3 credit points — Level G](#)

[Equity, Leadership and Policy G \(11791\) | 3 credit points — Level G](#)

[Evidence Based Policy Analysis G \(11792\) | 3 credit points — Level G](#)

[Data Analytics and Public Policy G \(11793\) | 3 credit points — Level G](#)

[Policy Analysis and Evaluation G \(11794\) | 3 credit points — Level G](#)

[Co-Design and Deliberative Engagement G \(11796\) | 3 credit points — Level G](#)

[Public Policy Governance and Law G \(11797\) | 3 credit points — Level G](#)

[Leadership Risk and Managing Change PG \(11798\) | 3 credit points — Level P](#)

[Contemporary Policy Issues PG \(11799\) | 3 credit points — Level P](#)

Part B - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Applied Policy Report PG (11800) | 3 credit points — Level P

Gender Equality, Policy and Advocacy G (12203) | 3 credit points — Level G

LGBTQIA+ Policy and Advocacy G (12204) | 3 credit points — Level G

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Communicating Policy Expertise G (11795) | 3 credit points — Level G

Communicating with Diverse Audiences G (11938) | 3 credit points — Level G

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

Course information

Course duration

The standard duration for this course is 2 years (12 Study Blocks). The maximum duration is 5 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Design solutions to incorporate diverse stakeholder groups including levels of government, non-government organisations, external stakeholders, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities to achieve improved public policy outcomes.	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.</p>

UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas.

UC graduates are able to demonstrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing: Use local Indigenous histories and traditional ecological knowledge to develop and augment understanding of their discipline; communicate and engage with Indigenous Australians in ethical and culturally respectful ways; apply their knowledge to working with Indigenous Australians in socially just ways.

Demonstrate advanced core competencies in foundations of public policy, policy analysis, policy evaluation, governance, leadership, equity, co-design and public participation.

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Judiciously apply data analytical and key modelling tools and techniques to inform the policy making process.

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Synthesise complex information, problems, concepts, theories and practical considerations as part of rigorous evidence-based policy approach.

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Develop high level communication skills to effectively communicate ministerial briefs, departmental briefs, applied policy reports and public policy research projects to a range of relevant audiences.

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Propose a range of approaches and techniques, including co-design, to achieve equitable outcomes in policy development and policy implementation.

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Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Master of Public Policy	M PubPolicy

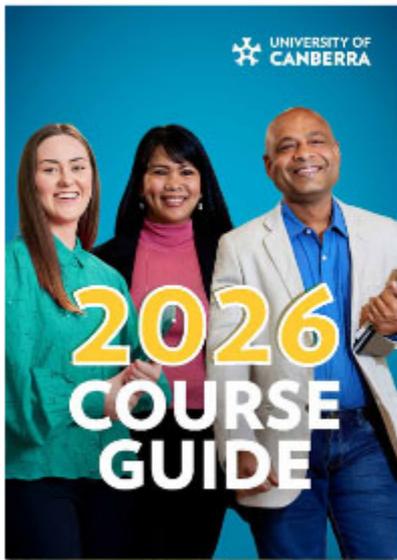
Alternative exits

SCC101 Graduate Certificate in Public Policy
SCC102 Graduate Certificate in Policy Evaluation
SCC103 Graduate Certificate in Gender Policy
SCC104 Graduate Certificate in LGBTQIA+ Policy
SCG101 Graduate Diploma in Public Policy

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Current and Commencing Students	In person, Student Centre Building 1 (take a BGL Faculty course advice ticket) or Email bglstudent@canberra.edu.au

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.