Asian Studies: Southeast Asia and Public Policy (MA/MPP)

The Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) and the Ford School of Public Policy offer a joint degree program, leading to the Master of Arts in Southeast Asian Studies (MA) and Master of Public Policy (MPP) degrees.

Program Overview

This program is designed for students who seek employment in the public, non-profit, or private sector by combining Ford School training in research, analytical, and management skills with CSEAS’s focus on language proficiency, regional knowledge, and interdisciplinary expertise in the humanities and social sciences. The program prepares graduate students to be experts in the field of public policy and specialists on Southeast Asia.

Course of Study

The program is arranged so that requirements for both degrees can be completed in two and one half years to three years. The typical sequence of study is to spend the first year in either the Ford School or the Center for Southeast Asian Studies and the second year in the other program, then work to complete requirements for both programs in the third year.

Degree Requirements

Students must satisfy the degree requirements of each school and should consult with their advisor about graduation requirements for each degree.

| Minimum credit hours required for MPP program | Number of Credits* | 36 |
| requiring for MA program | Credits must include | Core Coursework + 10 PubPol credit hours |
| Minimum credit hours required for MA program | 24 | Required Curriculum |
| Total credit hours required for dual degree: | 60 |

*Credit hours listed reflect reduction of minimum hours from each program.

MPP non-credit requirement:
Students must complete a 10 week summer internship in a policy-related position.

Please note:

- No credit is awarded for core courses successfully waived by passing waiver exams; credit must be earned with PubPol electives.
- Dual degree students will be required to complete at least one PubPol 638: Integrated Policy Exercise (IPE) in their first or second year. All MPP students, including dual degrees, have the option of completing a second IPE or enrolling in PubPol 778: Project Skills Workshop to complete the requirement. Learn more about the Integrated Policy exercise and this requirement.

Please contact The Center for Southeast Asian Studies for additional information about program requirements beyond the core curriculum.

Please see the Rackham Graduate School Academic Policies for additional dual/joint degree
information requirements.

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the MA/MPP dual-degree program must complete separate applications for each program and pay separate application fees. Applications should be submitted to the Rackham School of Graduate Studies. If a student is admitted to only one program, the student may choose to accept enrollment in that program. Consult the program web sites for details on required application materials. If a student is admitted to only one program, the student may choose to accept enrollment in that program.

This dual-degree program is not open to students who have already earned either the MPP or MA in Southeast Asian Studies degree. Students registered in the first year of the MPP or first year of the MA may apply for the dual degree.

Contacts

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