

Board Meeting
May 16, 2019

ESTABLISH THE MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY, COLLEGE OF URBAN
PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, CHICAGO

Action: Establish the Master of Public Policy, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and the Graduate College

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Senate, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, and the Graduate College, recommends the establishment of the Master of Public Policy.

The Master of Public Policy (MPP) builds on an existing concentration in the Master of Public Administration (MPA), and is designed for students interested in analytical careers in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Whereas MPA students focus their coursework on aspects of management, budgeting, and finance, the MPP emphasizes statistics, data analysis, and economics to prepare graduates to engage in policy research and program evaluation.

The MPP requires 54 hours, including 38 hours of required courses and 8 hours in a substantive policy field (e.g., health policy, educational policy, environmental policy). A thesis is not required, but students must complete a capstone project integrating classroom learning with practical experience. The degree will be the second

accredited MPP in Illinois, and the only MPP (regardless of accreditation status) at a public institution in the state. The college anticipates 10 students will enroll in Fall 2020, and 42 will be enrolled once fully implemented.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respect with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.