

Admissions

The deadlines apply to both the MPP and graduate certificate programs.

Fall Application Deadlines

March 1: Priority deadline for scholarships

June 15: International application deadline

August 1: Domestic application deadline

Spring Application Deadlines

October 15: Priority deadline for scholarships

November 1: International application deadline

December 1: Domestic application deadline

Scholarships

Qualified students receive a Hobby School scholarship to help cover tuition and fees.

Awards range from \$500 to \$3,000.

"I was drawn to the Hobby School's strong quantitative emphasis, flexibility, and affordability compared to other programs I researched. In a short amount of time, the Hobby School provided me the opportunity to gain advanced skills in research and policy, while also allowing me to select electives specific to my interest in education policy."

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SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

Public Policy

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

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The Master of Public Policy program welcomes candidates from all academic backgrounds. Hobby School training prepares graduates to develop ethical and pragmatic solutions for our current and future policy challenges.

Why the Hobby School is for you: a multi-disciplinary approach for students from multiple backgrounds

The program will give you the professional skills you need to succeed in a public policy career:

- Quantitative and Data Analytical Skills
- Leadership Skills
- Ethical and Problem-Solving Skills
- Advanced Writing and Presentation Skills
- Interdisciplinary skills using political science, economics, computer science, business and statistics

What to expect:

- The 39-hour curriculum includes an internship.
- The schedule accommodates working students.
- Courses focus on quantitative methods, statistics, policy analysis, budgeting and ethics.
- Graduates are also prepared for employment or a doctoral program with a quantitative emphasis.
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Mission

From a foundation of leadership, integrity and collaboration, the Hobby School of Public Affairs puts creative, solutions-oriented public policy to work for the world through education, research, relevance and action.

HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Hobby School prepares students from a variety of academic backgrounds for careers in public policy through training in the policy-making process, research methods, leadership, and values and ethics in public life.

Degrees

- Master of Public Policy
- Dual Degrees
- Graduate Certificates
- Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Public Policy

Center for Public Policy

- EITM Summer Institute
- ICPSR Summer Workshops

Public Service/Community Engagement

- Leland Fellows in Washington, D.C.
- Hobby Fellows in Austin
- Civic Houston Internship Program (CHIP)
- Harris Fellows in Harris County
- Civic Engagement Boot Camp
- CONNECT Program
- Certified Public Management Program
- Social Economy & Enterprise Academy Internship

Elizabeth D. Rockwell Center on Ethics & Leadership

- Hobby School Programming and Lectures
- Ethics in Policy Research and Practice

Survey Research Institute

- Opinion Polling and Data Analytics

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