Welcome!
The BA/MPA at UAlbany

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Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy at the University at Albany is proud to be recognized by US News & World Report as one of the top schools in the country. Talented students come to Rockefeller for the knowledge and tools to make a difference in the world. We pride ourselves on preparing dynamic leaders who will shape the public policies of the future.

- Influence Economic Trade | Impact Local, State, Federal Government
- Empower Non-profit Organizations | Advocate | Analyze | Capacity Building
- Advance Human Rights | Shape Governments | Effect Policy
What is a Master of Public Administration (MPA)

• Prepares leaders, managers and analysts to excel in service in public, private and non-profit sectors
• Brings together your passion for policy, government, advocacy or analysis and strong practical training for (almost) guaranteed employment
• Is a terminal degree – it’s all you need!
• Can be interdisciplinary – students can take courses across the schools and colleges at UAlbany (Criminal Justice, Public Health, Social Welfare, Education)
• Service in local, state, federal roles as well as non-profit organizations – from the FBI to the UN to the DEC and Department of State and everything in between!
Why Rockefeller?

- 98% of MPA graduates have a job in the field less than a year after graduation (78% by graduation).
- Average salary for those students is $55,000-$60,000.
- At a fraction of the cost of most peer schools, Rockefeller is an excellent value.
- Internships (90% paid) give students real world experience across sectors and around the world.
- Students work closely with faculty, whether in the classroom, in research or other collaborative efforts.
- Located in the state capital, opportunities are just steps away.
UAlbany’s Tuition Value

Total MPA Program Cost Comparison: Rockefeller and Average of Top 25 Programs

- Rockefeller: $26,806 (Resident), $50,386 (Nonresident)
- Top 25 Schools: $54,870 (Nonresident), $72,368 (Nonresident)
Innovative College Centers, Institutes, and Partners

- Center For International Development
- Professional Development Program
- Center For Women In Government & Civil Society
- Center For Policy Research
- Project On International Security, Commerce, And International Statecraft (PISCES)
- Project On Violent Conflict
- Institute Of Nonprofit Leadership And Community Development
- Institute For Traffic Safety Management And Research
- Rockefeller Institute Of Government
- Center For Technology In Government
- National Center For Security & Preparedness
The MPA

- 49 credits
- 6 Core Courses
- 2 Professional Application Modules
- 5 Elective Courses
- Internship
  - 480 hours of internship service
- Capstone
  - Portfolio & Reflection

Concentrations

- Public Management
  - State/Federal Government Management
  - Local Government Management
  - Human Resource Management
  - Organizational Behavior and Theory
- Nonprofit Management
- Government Information Strategy & Management
- Environmental Policy & Politics
- Financial Management & Public Economics
- Policy Analysis
- Homeland Security
- Health Policy & Management
- Global Affairs
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Benefits of the BA/MPA

- 12 graduate credits taken while an undergraduate
- Those credits count for both your BA and MPA
- Charged at the undergraduate tuition rate
- The GRE and application fee are waived
- Complete the rest of the MPA in 1.5 years
- Begin online in senior year and then join us in person in August for Welcome Week!
Sounds great, now what!?

Junior year

• April 1 – Have connected with your BA/MPA advisor to let them know you are applying
• May 1 – Applications due to Rockefeller
• May 15 – June 1: Admissions Interviews with MPA program director
• June 15 or thereabouts – Students notified of their decision

Application Checklist

• Completed online application
• Unofficial transcripts (will need official upon admission)
• 2 letters of recommendation (1 from a faculty member)
• Personal Statement
• Resume
What are our students doing now (by title)?

- Clinical Director
- Cyber Intelligence Analyst
- Budget Analyst
- Program Finance Manager
- Grant Writer
- Director of Programs and Policy
- Policy Analyst
- Compliance Officer
- Chief of Staff
- Communication and Research Associate
- Excelsior Service Fellow
- Presidential Management Fellow
- Health Program Specialist
- Budget Fellow
- Policy and Community Engagement Coordinator
- Director, Medicaid Redesign Team
- Emergency Management Coordinator
- Human Resource Specialist
- Manager of Policy and Innovation
Where are our students now?

• Office of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
• FBI
• NYC Mayor’s Office
• US Dept. of Homeland Security
• Legal Aid
• Queens City District Attorney
• Doorways for Women and Families
• Office of Government Accountability
• NYS Division of the Budget
• NYS Department of Health
• NYS Coalition Against Domestic Violence
• National Center for Security Preparedness
• US Attorney’s Office
• American Red Cross
• NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority)
• US Department of State
• NYS Dept. of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
• NYS Education Department
• The Global Network for Public Interest Law
• Habitat for Humanity
• Department of Environmental Conservation
• United Nations
• National Resource Defense Council
Other Degree Options
International Affairs & Political Science

The MIA – Master of International Affairs
- 48 credits
- 6 Core Courses
- 5 Elective Courses
- Internship
  • 400 hours of internship service
- Capstone
  • Project

MIA Concentrations
Diplomacy & Global Governance | Global Homeland Security
| Global Economic Policy | Global Public Management |
International Development Administration

The MA – Master of Arts in Political Science
- 32 credits
- 3 Core Courses
- 5 Elective Courses
- Internship
  • recommended
- Capstone
  • Essay or Portfolio

MA Concentrations
Elections, Lobbying & Advocacy | American Politics |
Government Analytics | Justice, Democracy & Law |
Law & Politics | Public Policy
Questions?

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