Overview: The La Follette School of Public Affairs is a highly ranked program that offers two graduate degree programs—the Master of Public Affairs and the Master of International Public Affairs. The flexibility of the curriculum allows students to choose among the many courses offered by many departments at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Students are admitted in comparatively small numbers that encourage cooperation across cohorts and permit the La Follette School faculty to know, advise, and mentor students.

Primarily serves: Mostly full-time with a few part-time students.

Time to completion: Average 2 years (4 semesters) with an optional summer internship

Instruction: In-class, some online electives; mostly daytime courses, limited evening courses

Average course size: 22

Ranking: #13 overall, #2 for social policy

Recommended review before entering for MPA
- Introductory microeconomics
- Introductory statistics
- Introductory American Government

Recommended review material for MIPA
- Introductory microeconomics
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- Introductory statistics
- Comparative politics or international relations
- Language review if student has plans to continue language study

Recent Internships
- Chief Human Resources Office, Oregon
- IMPACT Planning Council, Milwaukee
- United Nations Economic & Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok
- Wisconsin Medical Society, Madison
- Results for Development Institute, Washington DC
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Madison
- Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Center, Beijing
- Education Analytics, Madison
- Office of Wisconsin State Rep Amy Loudenbeck, Madison
2014 Internships

- Champa House, Denver Rescue Mission
- City of Madison, Parks Division
- Domestic Violence Unit, Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office
- ENS Global Escuela de Negocios Sociales, Chile
- Equal Education, South Africa
- Four Lakes Wildlife Center, Madison
- Goodman Community Center, Madison
- Hamilton Consulting Group, Madison
- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Chicago
- National Rural Support, Pakistan
- Policy Matters, Cleveland
- US Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Washington, DC
- US Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Washington DC
- US Department of Administration, Division of Enterprise Technology
- Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Housing, Madison
- Working Capital for Community Needs, Madison

2013 Internships

- Imani Development Consultants, Malawi
- Institute of Policy Analysis & Research-Ruwanda
- New York Department of Citywide Administration Services
- Office of Business Support and Sustainability, WI Department of Natural Resources
- Partnership for Public Service, Washington DC
- PEOPLE Program, UW Madison
- Project HealthDesign
- Second Harvest Foodbank of Southwestern Wisconsin
- United Way of Dane County
- US State Department, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs
- US Department of State Consulate, Monterrey, Mexico
- US Department of Veteran’s Affairs
- US Geological Survey National Wildlife Health Center
- US House of Representatives, Washington DC
- Wisconsin Department of Children and Families