

# The BAPP at UIC: Preparing students for the call to Public Service

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# Our ideal students...

- Want to make a difference in their community
- Are curious about policy, programs and services
- Often they have volunteered or even received assistance from a nonprofit or government agency



# What is Public Policy?

- We're the only dedicated public policy program in the Chicago-region for **students interested in public service**
- It trains you to be able to influence and implement policy in nonprofits, government agencies, for-profit
- It is connected to a top ranked faculty and MPA program - joint degrees are encouraged



# Major or Minor, students win!

- Common core of public policy courses
- Concentrations in environment, education, health, social welfare and foreign/global policy
- A minor in PP signals to employers your policy skills and training
- Joint program with MPA gets you to a mid and senior level job faster!



# Where Our Students Work

Private Sector	Public Sector	Third Sector
Planner, Construction Company	Appropriations Staff, Illinois House of Representatives	Community Development Manager, Business & Community Leaders of Texas
Project Coordinator, Clune Construction	Police Officer, State of Illinois	Economic Development Planner, University of Illinois at Chicago
Program Manager, National Equity Fund	Director of Economic Development, Industrial Council of Nearwest Chicago	Grants and Contracts Manager, Mercy Housing Lakefront
Business Analyst, Velocity EHS	Associate City Planner, Americorps VISTA	Program Associate, Women's Business Development Center
Originations Specialist, Avant Lending	Associate Policy Analyst, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning	Peace Corps Volunteer, Fiji
Senior Fellow, Bulldog Finance Group	Environmental Protections Specialist	Development Manager, City Year Chicago
Operations Mangers, IMPACT Construction Services	Research Economist, Illinois Department of Revenue	Program Manager, Institute of Cultural Affairs
Business Operations Specialist, Samsung Pay	Analyst/Bus Scheduling, Chicago Transit Authority	Community Outreach Coordinator, UIC Freshwater Lab
Immigration Paralegal	Transit and Rail Planner, Colorado Department of Transportation	
Campus Recruiter, Aon	Special Project Assistant, Chicago Park District	
Sustainability Advisor, Transwestern		

# Where can I work with a BAPP?

- Government - Local, state, federal, international, metropolitan and regional planning commissions
- Nonprofits – At all levels, from community advocacy organizations to major entities like the Red Cross.
- Private sector – Regulatory compliance and governmental relations, consulting, corporate philanthropy
- Higher Education – Heavy presence in administrative roles at universities, provides basis for future study and PhD



# CUPPA Hall, Lower Level, Opening September 2018



Office of the Campus Architect July 25, 2016

## CONCEPT RENDERING

CUPPAH LOWER LEVEL STUDENT SPACE



# Public Policy Academic Advisor- Sharon Hayes

- Handles all advising of prospective and current Public Policy and MPA students
- Manages the Academic Programs and Course Scheduling
- Available for advisor questions, student meetings, phone calls and any other information that is needed

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# Minor in Public Policy

- **The Minor in Public Policy is designed to enhance student understanding of public problems and how governments attempt to address them. A minor in public policy may be useful for students considering careers in a variety of policy-related fields, including jobs in policy analysis, research, public administration, nonprofit management, program evaluation, and as consultants for business and government entities. Students pursuing a minor in Public Policy will deepen their understanding of public problems, policy solutions, and their own role as individual citizens in the policy environment. Students can select electives to focus their minor on a substantive policy area of their choice (e.g. environmental policy, urban policy, crime and justice policy, etc.)**
- **Open to undergraduates of all disciplines**
- **Public Policy Minor Requirements (15 credit hours)**
  - 2 required core courses:**
    - PPOL 210 Introduction to Policy Process**
    - PPOL 211 Policy Problems & Alternatives**
  - 1 elective within the Department of Public Administration**
  - 2 elective courses from the approved list**



# Admissions and How Do I Apply?

- New first-year students interested in admission to the BA in Public Policy program must apply using the [Common Application](#) and be admitted by the Department of Public Administration, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs.
- Transfer students who have completed a minimum of 24 semester hours or 36 quarter hours of transferable college course work by the time of application, and do not meet the definition of an incoming first year or readmission applicant may apply to transfer into the BA in Public Policy.
- Intercollege Transfer Applications use this form and complete a personal statement. This form can be found on the CUPPA Website under Student Resources. The application form gets sent to [CUPPA\\_students@uic.edu](mailto:CUPPA_students@uic.edu). Each intercollege application is reviewed individually. Students can submit an application at anytime throughout the semester.



## INTERCOLLEGE TRANSFER PETITION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ UIN #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current College: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor name and contact from current college: \_\_\_\_\_

CUPPA program of study: Public Policy  Urban Studies  Undeclared

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Non-UIC students must apply to UIC following instructions in the Application for Admission and the current Undergraduate Catalog.

The admission requirement to transfer into the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs for a current UIC student is a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Each petition will be reviewed on an individual basis.

1. Complete this form and submit via email to [CUPPA\\_students@uic.edu](mailto:CUPPA_students@uic.edu)

2. Paste your personal statement below.

**IN MOST CASES A DECISION WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL YOUR CURRENT SEMESTER GRADES ARE AVAILABLE**

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Departmental decision (admit/deny)

DUS's Name/Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor assigned (if admitted): \_\_\_\_\_

College receipt date: \_\_\_\_\_

