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Master of Public Policy in Digital Society

The Master of Public Policy in Digital Society is a 12-month online program that trains prospective policy leaders to navigate the rapidly changing dynamics of the technological landscape. It offers students the knowledge and skills necessary to grapple with the complex social, political, and economic issues that have accompanied the digital age.

By leveraging their training as both policymakers and technologists, graduates of the program will be expected to lead interdisciplinary teams in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. They will be able to draw on a combination of theoretical knowledge, subject matter expertise, and technical skill to devise innovative solutions to some of the most pressing challenges associated with emergent digital technologies.



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About the Program

- A blend of seminar-based instruction and skills development labs designed to develop a mastery of public policy along with critical digital competencies in areas such as programming, data science, and product development;
- A pioneering co-teaching model which pairs reputed academics with accomplished practitioners to provide students with both a scholarly and professional perspective on complex policy issues;
- A 12-month program distributed across three consecutive terms running from May to April to accelerate time to graduation;
- Small class sizes, and an outstanding instructor-to-student ratio;
- Multidisciplinary faculty from fields including public policy, political science, economics, law, communications studies, business, and engineering;
- An advisory board comprised of leaders in government, industry, academia, media, and non-profit organizations;
- Exclusive opportunities to engage with policy leaders from around the world;
- An optional co-op stream for students wanting practical work experience that builds on their degree.

As a graduate, you should expect to leverage the program's interdisciplinary training as both a policymaker and technologist to bridge gaps within the public, private, and community sectors.

Classes begin in May.

Review of applications will begin in late January. For details on the program and how to apply, visit: publicpolicy.mcmaster.ca.

The MPP program is offered online. Optional in-person learning experiences may be made available throughout the year.

"I've spent my life advocating for a safer and healthier internet. This program -- and the students who are a part of it -- are so needed right now."

Mark Surman, Executive Director, Mozilla Foundation

"The MPP-DS was a great learning opportunity that launched my career in policy and in the federal public service, leading me to the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada to protect Canadians' privacy rights in the face of emerging technologies."

Angelo Gio Mateo '22, Policy and Research Analyst, Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada

"The experience shared by policy practitioners in our courses and skills labs, highlighting the digital aspects of different policy-making categories, is what makes the MPP-DS program unique. As an immigrant to Canada, the support from my McMaster MPP-DS family has made a big difference in my career and life."

Sanchita Rajvanshi '23, Policy Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ontario Provincial Service

"This is the first program of its kind in Canada. It is designed to provide theoretical knowledge, subject matter expertise, and technical skill to devise and implement innovative solutions to some of the most pressing challenges of the digital age."

Clifton van der Linden, Associate Professor and Academic Director, Master of Public Policy Program

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