MPA IN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

Master of Public Administration in Development Practice (MPA-DP) Curriculum

During the school year, students undertake coursework in a wide range of disciplines and sectors. A three-month professional summer field placement supplements this classroom education. The program’s core courses teach students the skills and professional knowledge needed to effectively address ongoing sustainable development challenges.

Students must complete a minimum of 54 points to be considered for graduation. Including,

- 30.5 points in the core curriculum
- A minimum of 15 points in the Sustainable Development Focus Areas (p. 2)
- And any additional elective courses, as needed, to meet the minimum 54 points

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Columbia University is a dynamic institution, attracting new faculty and introducing new courses every year. As a result, the curriculum may vary slightly from year to year. In some of the core areas, we require students to take a specific course. In others, we give students options among different course offerings that meet the core learning requirement. However, our commitment is to ensure that all students have access to courses that cover each of these core curriculum areas (30.5 points):

Core Requirements

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### Degree Audit Report

Matriculated students in this program can view their degree audit report on [Stellic](#).

Students must complete at least 15 points of any combination of courses from the following Sustainable Development Focus Areas. Focus Areas are not formal designations (like MIA/MPA Concentrations); they are thematic niches around which students may opt to develop specific expertise. In addition to completing courses from Focus Areas, students must complete at least 8.5 points of electives. Students may choose electives from Focus Areas or any other courses coded 4000-level or above. Please refer to the requirements tab for more information about completing your degree.

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#### Business, Finance, and Social Enterprise

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### Disaster, Emergencies, and Crisis Management

**SIPA Courses**

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### Education

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Environment and Energy

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INAF U6016 Cost-Benefit Analysis 3.00
INAF U6040 International Energy Project Finance 3.00
INAF U6042 Energy, Enterprise and Development 3.00
INAF U6057 Electricity Markets 3.00
INAF U6061 Global Energy Policy 3.00
INAF U6071 Fundamentals of Environmental Policy 3.00
INAF U6072 Energy Systems Fundamentals 3.00
INAF U6074 Current Issues in Energy Policy 1.50
INAF U6230 Corporate Sustainability: Issues, Strategies, and Practice 3.00
INAF U6259 Adaptation to Climate Change 3.00
INAF U6264 Meeting the Climate Challenge at all Levels of Government 3.00
INAF U6267 Climate-security: Examining the links between climate change, peace and security 1.50
INAF U6326 Renewable Energy Project Finance Modeling 3.00
INAF U6327 Carbon Pricing 3.00
INAF U6328 Financing the Energy Transition in Emerging Markets 1.50
INAF U6330 Energy Decarbonization 3.00
INAF U6695 Climate Finance, Policy, and the Just Transition 3.00
INAF U6706 Climate Change # ESG Investing 1.50
INAF U6709 Environment, Development, # Politics in Africa 3.00
INAF U8537 Climate Change Policy 3.00
PUAF U6190 Investing in the Energy Transition: exploring policy dilemmas, complexities and trade-offs 3.00
REGN U6149 Energy, Corporate Responsibility # Human Rights 3.00
SDEV U6240 Environmental Science for Sustainable Development 3.00

Non-SIPA Courses
EAAE E6212 Introduction to Carbon Management 3.00
CLMT GR5003 Managing and Adapting to Climate Change 3.00
CLMT GR5012 Social Impact Business, Society, and the Natural Environment 3.00
CLMT GS023 Climate Justice: Theory and Practice 3.00
EAAE E4009 GIS for Resource, Environmental, and Infrastructure Management 3.00
LAW L6038 Climate Change Law 3.00
PLAN A6009 Environmental Data Analysis 3.00
SUMA PS4734 Earth Institute Practicum 3.00
SUMA KS197 Financing the Clean Energy Economy 3.00

Gender, Human Rights, and Social Inclusion

SIPA Courses Points
INAF U6041 Corporations and Human Rights 3.00
INAF U6143 Gender, Globalization, and Human Rights 3.00
INAF U6303 Selected Topics in Financial Inclusion: Enhancing Financial Access for the Poor 1.50
INAF U6374 Mainstreaming Gender in Global Affairs 3.00
INAF U6375 Gender and Livelihoods 1.50
INAF U6403 Regulating Reproduction: Care, Procreation # Equality 3.00
INAF U6405 Human Rights and the Politics of Inequality 3.00
INAF U6751 International Human Rights Law 3.00
INAF U6774 Public Policy # Inequality in Developing Countries 3.00
INAF U6765 The European Union and Human Rights 1.50
INAF U8166 Rethinking Human Rights # Humanitarianism 3.00
INAF U8180 Human Rights Skills # Advocacy 3.00
INAF U8183 Tools for Advocacy 3.00
INAF U8189 Politics of History and Reconciliation 3.00
INAF U8350 Finance for the World's Poorest 3.00
INAF U8785 Gender, Politics and Development: Theory, Policy # Practice 3.00
PUAF U6228 Comparative Social Welfare Policy 3.00
PUAF U8349 Intersections of Race and Power in Development 3.00
REGN U6149 Energy, Corporate Responsibility # Human Rights 3.00
REGN U6545 Human Rights in the Western Balkans 1.50
REGN U6639 Gender and Development in Southeast Asia 3.00

Non-SIPA Courses
ECON W4480 Gender and Applied Economics 3.00
HRGTS GU4215 NGOs & The Human Rights Movement 3.00
HRGTS GU4270 Social Media and Human Rights 3.00
HRGTS GU4500 Socio-Economic Rights 3.00
HRGTS GU4650 Children's Rights Advocacy 3.00
HRGTS GU4915 Human Rights & Urban Public Space 3.00
HRGTS GU4950 Human Rights and Human Wrongs 3.00
HRGTS GU4930 Int’l Humanitarian Law/Human Rights 3.00
HRGTS GU6020 Intro to Human Rights 3.00
HRGTS GU6800 International Human Rights Law 3.00
HSME G4154 Pan Africanism 3.00
POPF P8676 Epidemiological Methods for Measuring Human Rights Abuses 3.00
POPF P8683 Psychological and Mental Heath Issues in Forced Migration 3.00

Governance, Partnerships, and Civic Participation

SIPA Courses Points
INAF U6051 Infrastructure Investment and Development 1.50
ICT and Data for Development

SIPA Courses
INAF U6004 Application Development for Social Impact 1.50
INAF U6006 Computing in Context 3.00
INAF U6198 Technology for Intl Crisis Response & Good Governance 1.50
INAF U6202 Internet Governance and Human Rights 3.00
INAF U6272 Introduction to Data Analytics for Public Policy, Administration, and Management 1.50

Non-SIPA Courses
CIEN E4137 Managing Civil Infrastructure Systems
EHSC P8371 Public Health GIS
FINC B8767 Investing in Social Ventures
PLAN A4010 Planning for Climate Change in Urban Energy Systems
PLAN A6108 Land Use Planning
PLAN A6232 Advanced GIS
POPF P8625 Communicable Disease in Complex Emergencies
POPF P8651 Water and Sanitation in Complex Emergencies

Infrastructure

SIPA Courses
INAF U6016 Cost-Benefit Analysis 3.00
INAF U6040 International Energy Project Finance 3.00
INAF U6042 Energy, Enterprise and Development 3.00
INAF U6051 Infrastructure Investment and Development 1.50
INAF U6057 Electricity Markets 3.00
INAF U6066 Energy & Power Financing Markets 3.00
INAF U6116 Infrastructure Cost-Benefit Analysis 3.00
INAF U6131 Impact Investing: Essential Skills 1.50
INAF U6135 Renewable Energy Markets and Policy 3.00
INAF U6186 Community Economic Development 3.00
INAF U6198 Technology for Intl Crisis Response & Good Governance 1.50
INAF U6242 Energy Policy 3.00
INAF U8689 Global Financial Services in the 21st Century 3.00
PUAF U6190 Investing in the Energy Transition: exploring policy dilemmas, complexities and trade-offs 3.00
REGN U6140 Energy, Corporate Responsibility & Human Rights 3.00
SDEV U6240 Environmental Science for Sustainable Development 3.00

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CIEN E4137 Managing Civil Infrastructure Systems
EHSC P8371 Public Health GIS
FINC B8767 Investing in Social Ventures
PLAN A4010 Planning for Climate Change in Urban Energy Systems
PLAN A6108 Land Use Planning
PLAN A6232 Advanced GIS
POPF P8625 Communicable Disease in Complex Emergencies
POPF P8651 Water and Sanitation in Complex Emergencies
INAF U6137  Social Value Investing: a Framework for Cross Sector Partnerships  3.00
INAF U6141  Humanitarian Crisis Simulation  1.00
INAF U6183  Innovation for Development in Practice  1.50
INAF U6564  Applied Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution: Fieldwork Competencies  3.00
INAF U6574  Evaluation in the UN System  3.00
INAF U6602  Economic Development for International Affairs  3.00
INAF U6604  Applied Econometrics  3.00
INAF U6705  Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting  3.00
INAF U6889  Impact Measurement & Evaluation for Sustainable Development  3.00
INAF U6891  Impact Evaluations in Practice  1.50
INAF U6892  Monitoring and Evaluation: Driving Evidence-Based Development and Humanitarian Aid  3.00
INAF U6897  Writing on Policy  3.00
INAF U6946  Writing and Delivering Speeches  1.50
INAF U8145  Advanced Economic Development for International Affairs  3.00
PEPM U6204  Development Economics  3.00
SIPA U6501  Quantitative Analysis II for International and Public Affairs  3.00
SIPA U8500  Quantitative Methods in Program Evaluation and Policy Research  3.00

Non-SIPA Courses
SUMA K5025  Corporate Sustainability  3.00
ECON G6493  Behavioral Economics  3.00
SUMA K5033  Decisions Models and Management  3.00
SUMA K5035  GHG Emissions: Measuring and Minimizing  3.00

MPA-DP Graduation Requirements Overview

Students must meet the following requirements in order to be approved for graduation:

- Complete 54 credits in residence at SIPA
- Complete 4 residency units
- Complete all core requirements, including 15 points of any combination of courses from the Sustainable Development Focus Areas; 8.5 points of electives; and 12 weeks professional summer placement.
- For MPA-DP students, credits obtained from classes taken Pass/Fail when a letter grade is an option do not count towards the 54 needed to graduate.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above
- Have no pending grades. All grades must be final. Any notations indicating a pending grade must be converted to a final grade prior to graduating. These include, “IN” (incomplete), “CP” (credit pending) and “YC” (year-long course).
- Complete and submit the Application for Degree or Certificate by the appropriate deadline.

In addition to the above, please note that grade changes cannot be made post-graduation.
Tracking MPA-DP Core Requirements

Students can use the Degree Audit Report (DAR) in Stellic to track their academic progress.

The DAR is an unofficial guide to the MPA-DP core.

To request revisions to the Degree Audit Report, please fill out the Degree Audit Report Correction Form and submit the form to the Student Affairs Office.

Degree Audit Report Correction Form

Double-counting of Courses

- MPA-DP students cannot double-count courses within their degree core (e.g., social sector with focus areas requirements).

For those MPA-DP students grandfathered into a specialization:

- No more than two courses (or 6 credits) may be double counted between the MPA-DP focus area and specializations.

- No more than one course (or 3 credits) may be double-counted between two specializations.

STEM Eligibility

Beginning with the MPA-DP class May 2022, students will be granted STEM eligibility upon graduation.