DEGREE PROGRAM CURRICULA

The curricula of SIPA’s eight degree programs all combine training in analytical methods and practical management skills to ensure that graduates are prepared to understand problems and implement solutions. Students combine these core skills with a focus on a policy area of their choice, and they typically engage in a practice-oriented capstone or workshop experience toward the end of their studies.

MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
The MIA develops international affairs professionals who understand the increasingly complex issues that transcend national boundaries. Learn more

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
The MPA curriculum emphasizes applying analytic tools to real-world issues and qualifies graduates for positions requiring management skills and depth in an analytic or substantive policy area. This curriculum draws on the vast international resources of SIPA to address a wide variety of local and national-level policy issues in a comparative and international context. The curriculum has four components: the core curriculum includes a Capstone project; a concentration; elective coursework; and a summer internship. Learn more

EXECUTIVE MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
The Executive Master of Public Administration (EMPA) program is designed for the experienced and ambitious professional looking for a superior and practical graduate program but cannot take the time to pursue full-time study. The program trains professionals to be competent and sophisticated public managers by incorporating broad questions of public affairs and the specific analytical, managerial, and communication skills of management and policy analysis into its curriculum. Our graduates are equipped to pursue careers in local, state, and federal government, nonprofit organizations, and private corporations and banks that deal with today's public policy issues. Learn more

MPA IN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE
The twenty-two-month MPA degree in Development Practice is designed to train aspiring practitioners to understand and manage approaches to sustainable development challenges. This rigorous cross-disciplinary academic program emphasizes the development of critical knowledge, skills, and attributes of an effective professional in developing societies. Learn more

MPA IN ECONOMIC POLICY MANAGEMENT
The MPA in Economic Policy Management (MPA-EPM) is a 12-month master's degree program that provides promising mid-career policymakers with the skills to effectively design and implement economic policy in market economies, with a strong emphasis on the economic problems of developing countries. The program is designed to convey the practical lessons of economics, finance, and management science through an intensive study of real policy successes and failures.