

## **Master in Public Policy Program Fact Sheet**

Title of Degree: **Master of Public Policy (MPP)**

Graduate School of Public Policy, Nazarbayev University

Mode of Program Delivery: In-person instruction

Number of ECTS (credit points): 120

Length of degree: 22 months

Specialisms available: Economic Policy; International Political Economy; Public Governance

Number of students 2021-22 cohort: 25

### **Mission of the Program**

The mission statement of the Graduate School of Public Policy (GSPP) is:

To improve the quality of life of the people of Kazakhstan and Central Asia. We do this by training leaders to improve governance through excellence in teaching, research, and executive development that focuses on key policy and leadership challenges.

The mission of MPP program is to prepare a new generation of progressive policy professionals to provide efficient, effective, reliable and sustainable public service at national and international levels.

On successful completion of the program graduates will have the ability to:

- 1) lead and manage in public governance;
- 2) participate in and contribute to the policy process;
- 3) analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions;
- 4) articulate and apply a public service perspective;
- 5) communicate and interact productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry.

Professional competency: in addition, the program will ensure that students learn to apply their education, such as through experiential exercises and interactions with practitioners across the broad range of public affairs, administration, and policy professions and sectors.

## Faculty teaching on the program

Course	ECTS Credits	
MPP 601: Microeconomics and Public Policy	8	Peter Howie, PhD
MPP 621: Public Policy and Analysis	8	Clifford Frasier, PhD
MPP 613: Policy Research Design and Methods	8	Zhanibek Arynov, PhD
MPP 611: Statistics for Public Policy	8	Simeon Nanovsky, PhD
<b>SEMESTER SUBTOTAL:</b>	32	
MPP 641: Public Management and Leadership	8	Artan Karini, PhD
MPP 602: Macroeconomics and Public Policy	8	Omer Baris, PhD
MPP 603 Data Analytics in Public Policy	8	Heysong Ha, PhD
MPP 699: PAE with overseas component (I)	0	Lisa Lim, PhD
Elective 1	8	Zhanibek Arynov
<b>SEMESTER SUBTOTAL:</b>	32	
Internship (taken in semester 3 or 5)	[8]	Lisa Lim, PhD
MPP 699: PAE with overseas component (II)	0	Lisa Lim PhD
<b>SEMESTER SUBTOTAL:</b>	[8]	
MPP 631: Politics and Public Policy	8	Aziz Burkhanov, PhD
Elective 2	8	Serik Orgazgaliyev PhD
Elective 3	8	Stefanos Xenarios, PhD
MPP 699: PAE with overseas component (III)	0	Lisa Lim PhD
<b>SEMESTER SUBTOTAL</b>	24	
Elective 4	8	Dina Sharipova, PhD
*Elective 5 or internship	[8]	Riccardo Pelizzo, PhD
MPP 699: PAE with overseas component (IV)	16	
<b>SEMESTER SUBTOTAL</b>	32	
<b>TOTAL</b>	120	

## Cost of the degree

Tuition costs for the MPA are funded through a state grant for the Government of Kazakhstan's higher education budget for local applicants

Places are also available on a self-paying basis

A small number of grants are also available for international applicants

## **ADMISSIONS CRITERIA**

### Eligibility:

1. Bachelor's degree or equivalent;
2. Minimum 2 years of working experience. Fresh graduates and early career professionals are welcome to apply.
3. English proficiency: IELTS – minimum overall score 6.5 with no less than 6.0 in sub categories, or its TOEFL equivalent (compare your TOEFL score here).  
English language certifications are valid for 2 years prior to application deadline. At the discretion of the Admissions Committee applicants can be exempted from submitting the language proficiency test report if:
  - one of their earlier academic degrees was earned in a country with English as the language of official communication, academic instruction and daily life;
  - an undergraduate degree was earned in a program which was officially taught in English;
  - the applicant is a graduate of Nazarbayev University.

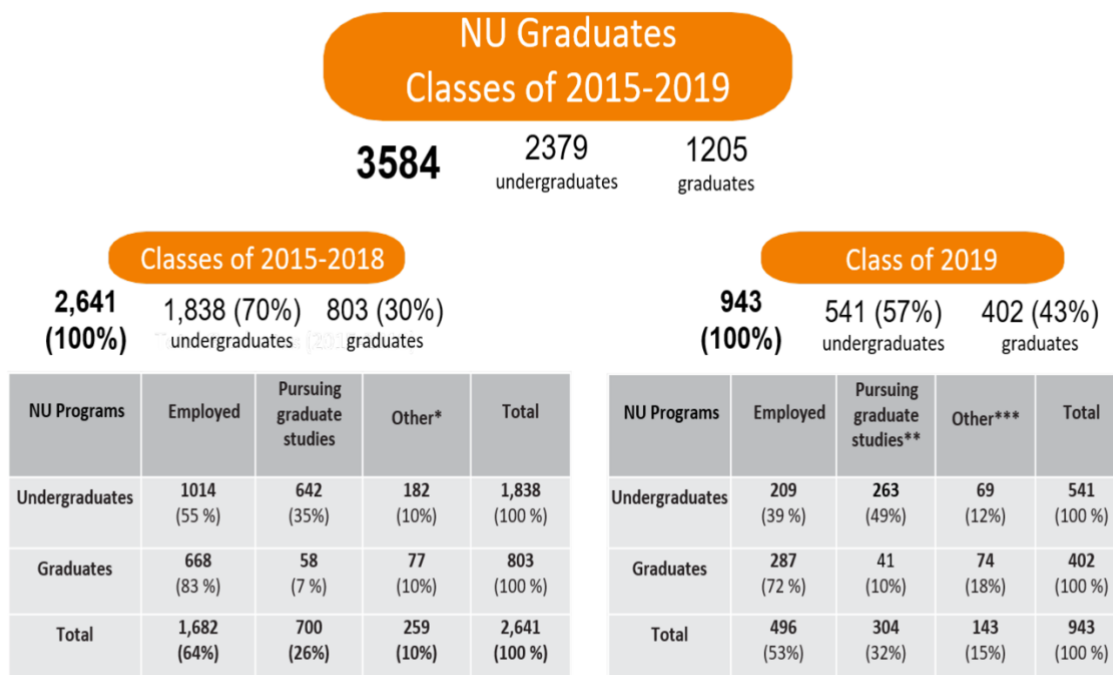
### Criteria for Selection:

A successful candidate must demonstrate intellectual distinction (will be assessed by prior academic achievements, recommendations, essays) and leadership capabilities (will be assessed by prior achievements in extracurricular, civic or community activities, employment history, and recommendations).

Please note that meeting the minimum requirements do not imply automatic admission into the program.

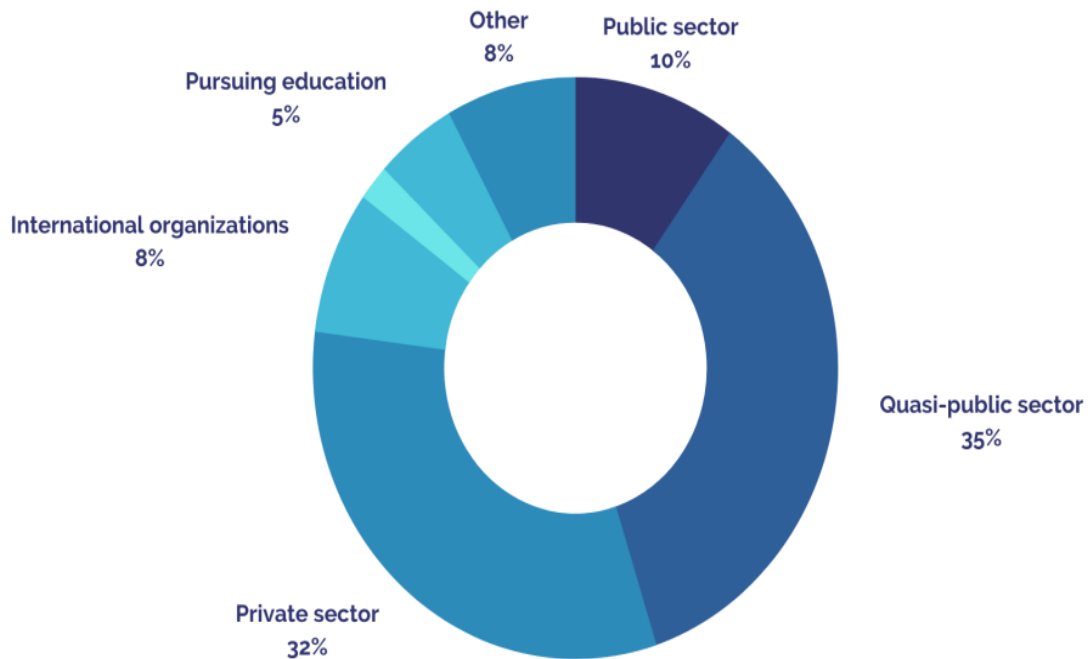
## Career Services

Nazarbayev University has a dedicated Career and Advising Center (CAC). The most recent data at the University level show a high percentage of graduates in employment or further education.



\* Other: career break, maternity leave, seeking employment, deceased

NU GSPP Alumni Community have different backgrounds and occupations. NU GSPP graduates of all cohorts work mostly in quasi-public, private sector, public sector and international organizations. Among employer organizations there are: Akimat of Nur-Sultan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Aerospace Committee of the Ministry of Digital Development, Defence and Aerospace Industry, Ministry of Industry and Infrastructure Development, Ministry of Information and Communications, Ministry of Agriculture, Anti-corruption agency, national companies like KazMunayGas, Baiterek, Transtelecom, Republican Center for Health Development, Nazarbayev University, Academy of Public Administration; Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC), UN organizations (UNDP, UN Volunteers), Islamic Organization for Food Security, World Bank, US Embassy in Kazakhstan and private companies in Kazakhstan and abroad.



Source: see <https://gspp.nu.edu.kz/en/alumni/>

#### Current students

Internship opportunities are available for MPP students in Ministries, government agencies and semi-state bodies: see further details at:

<https://gspp.nu.edu.kz/en/career-services-for-students/>

#### Graduation Rate of Masters Student<sup>1</sup>

	Admitted students (n)	Cumulative Graduation rates	
		Within 2 years	Within 3+ years
Public Policy	148	91.2%	95.2%

<sup>1</sup> Note: 2-year graduation rate is based on cohorts that have been in the program for at least two years (Fall 2013 - Fall 2019 cohorts); 3-year graduation rate - based on cohorts that have been for at least three years (Fall 2013-Fall 2018).