

## Joint Master of Arts (MA) in Gender and Cultural Studies and Public Policy

### The Edge: Graduate Degree Acceleration

Academic Planning Worksheet  
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#### Admissions Process and Policies

- GPA of 3.0 required; eligibility based on GPA through fall of junior year. Prerequisites and required grades in those prerequisite courses vary by program (see advising worksheets). Students must have an advising meeting with both program directors before applying and their application fee will be waived.
- The Priority Deadline to apply to the Master's program is February 15th of the student's junior year. Students will receive their admissions notification by March 15th of the same year if they meet the priority deadline.
- Students have until June 15th after they have completed their junior year to apply to the exploratory program in order to enter the accelerated Master's program. Any student wanting to participate in a Master's program who does not apply by June 15th will have to apply as a traditional graduate student.
- Acceptance to the Master's program is conditional upon the student passing all prerequisite and all grad classes taken as an undergraduate student with the grades required by the program.
- Students who begin a graduate program as an undergraduate are not required to finish the graduate program in order to count up to two graduate-level classes toward their undergraduate degree.
- Students who successfully complete all of these requirements and admissions to the Master's program will receive the Double Shark Scholarship applied to their graduate program tuition.

#### Undergraduate Prerequisites

For the Gender and Cultural Studies portion of the degree, students must take RGS 101: Identity and Power, before their senior year. There are no **required** courses to be admitted to the Public Policy portion of the program. However, MPP 503 Economic Policy has a course prerequisite of ECON 100 Microeconomics (or instructor permission). It is recommended that students take STAT 118 Introductory Statistics and POLS 217 American Public Policy.

#### Required

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Completed
ECON 100	Principles of Microeconomics (or instructor permission)	4	
RGS 100	Identity and Power	4	

#### Recommended

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Completed
POLS 217	American Public Policy	4	
STAT 118	Introductory Statistics or higher	4	
WGST 204	What Is Feminism? Origins of Feminist Thought	4	

#### Graduate Courses Available to Undergraduate Students

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Completed
MPP 501	Policy Analysis & Theory (Fall)	3	
MPP 503	Economic Policy (Spring)	3	
GCS 403	Introduction to Gender and Cultural Studies (Fall)	4	
GCS 417	Race Theory (Spring)	4	

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