Career Paths for Master's Graduates

- Assistant Public Defender, City Court of Miami
- Associate, Bank, Milton, defense and national security issues
- Consultant to Chief of Federal Intelligence, Federal Communications Commission
- Engineering Associate, consulting for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in water quality, energy, and indoor air quality issues
- Owner, consulting company that designs zoos and community centers
- Policy Analyst, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Provost, Georgia Research Alliance
- Program Manager, Clean Air Programs, U.S. Conference of Mayors
- Program Manager, Clean Cities Program, U.S. Department of Energy, Maryland
- Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst, San Francisco

Career Paths for Ph.D. Graduates

- Assistant Professor, Arizona State University
- Special Assistant for Policy, Lieutenant Governor's Office, Georgia
- Senior Analyst, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management
- Senior Project Manager, Environmental Specialties Group, Environmental Affairs
- Special Assistant for Policy, Lieutenant Governor's Office, Georgia
- Water Resources Engineer, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Other graduates are in Ph.D. programs in geography, public policy, or for academic careers.

Areas of Concentration

- Environmental Policy
  - Earth Systems
  - Economics of Environmental Policy
  - Environmental and Technological Risk Management
  - Environmental Politics and Policy Goals
  - Policy Tools for Managing the Environment
  - Sustainable Systems: Concepts and Measures

- Science and Technology Policy
  - Critical Perspectives on Science and Technology
  - Development of Large-scale Socio-technical Systems
  - Regions, Technology, and Policy
  - Research Policy and Management
  - Science, Technology, and Public Policy
  - Technological Innovation and Government Policy

Urban and Regional Economic Development

- Economic Development Analysis and Practice
- Local Economic Development and Policy
- Methods of Urban Policy Analysis and Planning
- Regions, Technology, and Policy
- Urban Development Policy

Information and Telecommunications Policy

- Internet Policy
- Mass Communications Policy
- The Politics of Communication Policy

Degree Requirements and Course Work

Doctoral students are required to take the equivalent of one of the M.S.P.P. core courses. If these areas have not been fulfilled in earlier studies, students must take three core courses early in their doctoral work.

- Environmental Policy, Science and Technology Policy
- Urban and Regional Economic Development
- Other areas by arrangement

Ph.D. Core Curriculum

- Advanced Research Methods I & II
- Advanced Topics in Policy Analysis: Evaluation
- Logic of Policy Inquiry
- Microeconomic Theory and Applications
- Research Seminar in Public Policy
- Scope and Theory of Public Policy

Doctorate in Public Policy

In light of Georgia Tech's position as one of the top technological universities in the United States, the Ph.D. in Public Policy offers a doctorate that focuses on three substantive policy areas closely aligned with Georgia Tech's mission: science and technology, environment, and urban and regional economic development. Students may also design their own major, with faculty approval.

In collaboration with the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University, the School of Public Policy also offers a joint doctoral degree in public policy that capitalizes on the strengths of both schools and permits specialization in additional policy areas.

Both doctorates build in-depth study of particular substantive areas of public policy on a core curriculum that stresses intellectual and methodological rigor in statistics, economics, public administration, and ethics. Students in the two programs take core courses together on both campuses.

The Ph.D. in Public Policy prepares students for advanced professional work or for academic careers. Students come from Asia, Africa, Europe, and South America, as well as the United States, to pursue doctoral studies in Public Policy at Georgia Tech.
Faculty Mentorship

Individual interaction between a graduate student and his or her thesis advisor remains the cornerstone of the Ph.D. program. The curriculum is designed to be flexible and to be enriched by the various experiences and research interests of the faculty and students. Faculty mentorship is a valuable experience that helps students develop the necessary skills and confidence to pursue successful careers in public policy and related fields.

Public Policy Faculty

- Jon Johnston, Assistant Professor, M.A., University of London, Philosophy, Social philosophy, history of social theory, philosophy of economy.
- Jordan Kirpla, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Syracuse University, Public Administration, Organization theory, science and technology policy.
- Robert Kirkman, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., State University of New York at Stony Brook, Philosophy, Environmental philosophy, history and philosophy of the natural sciences, history of philosophy, ethics.
- Hum Klein, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Technology and innovation policy, large technical systems, organization theory.
- Cheryl Legge, Associate Professor, Ph.D., University of Chicago, Sociology, Science, technology, and inequality; program evaluation.
- Veda S. Niyogi, Associate Professor, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, Sociology, Business; Stanford University Law School. Business ethics, comparative political economy of development, technological innovation.
- Nancy Nusser, Assistant Professor, College of Computing, Ph.D., Case Western Reserve University, Philosophy, Science, cognitive science.
- Douglas Neuman, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., University of Chicago, Public Policy, Environmental policy, cultural valuation.
- Bryan Norton, Professor, Ph.D., University of Michigan, Philosophy, Environmental ethics, philosophy of science and technology, environmental policy and valuation.
- Georgia Persinos, Professor, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Political Science, Religion and social welfare policy, policy implementation, race policy.
- Nick Rojas, Professor, Ph.D., University of California, San Diego, Political Science, International relations, International politics.
- John Havick, Assistant Professor, M.A., University of London, Philosophy, Social philosophy, history of social theory, philosophy of economy.

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