When you choose to study public affairs, you choose a path of leadership and service. You choose to be an active participant in decisions that will determine the future of your neighborhood, your community, your country, and people around the globe. In short, you choose to make a difference.

As a comprehensive public policy school, we provide students with a wide array of skills, expertise, and real-world experience to transform ideas into action. The work of our globally engaged faculty is rooted in a vision of leadership that brings diverse people and communities together, and reaches across disciplines and divisions to find lasting change that benefits all.

The legacy and values of Senator and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey are alive in our work to address the world’s most pressing challenges, and equip students to do the same. Our students gain a deep understanding that leading to advance the common good in a shared-power world is hard work and requires dedication, focus, courage, and endurance. Humphrey School alumni are leading changes in cities and nations around the world.

I invite you to explore the many options for study at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs in this booklet, on our website, or with a personal visit.

Laura Bloomberg, PhD
Dean

“I believe that each of us can make a difference. That what is wrong can be made right.”

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
CHOOSE A PATH OF LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND CHANGE

THE HUMPHREY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota ranks among the country’s top 10 professional public policy and planning schools, widely recognized for its success in inspiring leaders to advance the common good. The School’s six master’s degree programs, new PhD program, and six certificate programs match students’ passion with the knowledge, skills, and experience needed to solve real-world challenges. Long noted for equipping students to play key roles in public life at the local, state, national, and global levels, the Humphrey School is respected for its role in shaping public policy, its focus on social justice and human rights, and its expertise in planning, leadership, and management.

As part of the University of Minnesota, Humphrey School students have access to one of the world’s leading research institutions, its interdisciplinary research and programs, and opportunities to earn dual degrees with other schools and colleges. Supported by eight Humphrey School policy research centers, Humphrey School faculty and students make significant contributions to solutions on issues ranging from politics and governance to urban and regional planning, from foreign policy and global affairs to international development, and from early childhood policy to technology and environmental sustainability.

Students have a reason to be here beyond getting a degree. They want to change the world.

Carissa Slotterback, PhD
Associate Dean
I am driven to help improve the health of children in the developing world. My MDP degree has enabled me to think more critically about global health initiatives within the context of international development while granting me the skills necessary to manage effective programs.

Christine Papai
Graduate
Master of Development Practice

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MHR

MASTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS

In a world that needs visionaries, the Master of Human Rights (MHR) degree program prepares students to engage in domestic and global human rights challenges through research, policy analysis, and advocacy. This interdisciplinary program is designed to support emerging leaders who can draw upon many types of knowledge and experiences in a field that demands innovative responses to complex issues. Students learn both theory and skills development from leading human rights scholars, thinkers, and activists, while gaining field experience through internships and capstone projects.

The MHR program is jointly supported by the Humphrey School of Public Affairs and the College of Liberal Arts.

POSITIONS OUR GRADUATES HOLD*

Development Director
The Advocates for Human Rights, Minneapolis

Professional Exchanges Manager
Global Minnesota, Minneapolis

Research Associate
Committee on Human Rights, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Washington, DC

Chief of Staff, Applied Conflict Transformation
United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC

Assistant U.S. Attorney
Northern District of Illinois, Chicago

Rule of Law & Access to Justice Officer
United Nations Development Programme, Myanmar

Foreign Service Officer
U.S. Department of State, Beijing, China

Governance Specialist
World Bank, Kampala, Uganda

* Students who have completed the graduate minor in human rights

MDP

MASTER OF DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

Through dynamic interdisciplinary training in public policy, education, public health, and natural and social sciences, the Master of Development Practice (MDP) degree program prepares students for careers in international development, equipping them with the skills needed to address the problems of poverty, social justice, and sustainable development. Jointly administered by the Humphrey School and University of Minnesota’s Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change (ICGC), the MDP degree program is a member of the Global MDP Association. While the large majority of our MDP students are focused on the developing world, some graduates use their skills to work in the domestic arena.

POSITIONS OUR GRADUATES HOLD

Deputy Country Director
Innovations for Poverty Action, Accra, Ghana

Special Advisor to the Minister of Gender and Development
Republic of Liberia

Consultant
Organization of American States, Washington, DC

Senior Policy Associate
Center for Global Development, Washington, DC

International Recruiter
American Refugee Committee, Minneapolis and World Learning, Washington, DC

Program Manager
One Acre Fund, Kakamega, Kenya

Project Manager
Health and Wellness Community Partnerships, HealthPartners, Minneapolis

OUR GLOBAL IMPACT

Costa Rica, Haiti, Belize, and Nepal are a few of the countries where students most recently spent their summers conducting community-engaged research.

DOMESTIC EXPERTS

The status of women and girls in Minnesota, transportation planning in metro areas, and the integration of immigrants are a few of the topics our faculty members currently are researching.

WORLDLY WISE

Our faculty’s expertise spans the globe, with current research and work occurring in such countries as China, Colombia, Egypt, India, and Tanzania.
STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO EXPLORE THEIR LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL

The Humphrey School invites students to explore their leadership potential and contribute to a thriving University community, where people from diverse backgrounds work together and learn from each other.

Scott Marshall
Graduate
Master of Public Policy

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TALENTED + DIVERSE
Our students come from 21 U.S. states and 22 countries around the world, forming a student body that is global and inclusive, welcoming and collegial.

THE IDEAL LABORATORY
With the country’s #1 rated park system, many forms of public transit, an all-weather bicycling community, and walkable neighborhoods, the Twin Cities area is the perfect laboratory for studying urban and regional planning.

A LITERATE + ENGAGED COMMUNITY
The Twin Cities are among the most literate cities in the nation and boast one of the most sophisticated nonprofit sectors in the country, as well as the nation’s highest volunteerism and voter turnout rates.

MPP
MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY
The Humphrey School’s Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree program is one of the best in the country, attracting students who are committed to public service at the local, state, national, or international levels. Preparing future leaders to advance the common good in a diverse world is at the core of this program, which equips students to design, manage, and advocate for better policy solutions, bringing together many disciplines to shape policies and programs around the globe.

POSITIONS OUR GRADUATES HOLD
Deputy Mission Director
USAID/West Africa, Ghana
Director of Programs
Fund for Global Human Rights, Thailand
Foreign Affairs Officer
U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC
Managing Director
Congressional Relations, U.S. Government Accountability Office
State Representative
Minnesota House of Representatives
President
Minnesota Council on Foundations, Minneapolis
Executive Vice President
National MS Association, Chicago

DUAL DEGREE OFFERINGS
MPP/JD, Law School
MPP/MBA, Carlson School of Management
MPP/MPH, School of Public Health
MPP/MSW, School of Social Work

MPA
MASTER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS (MID-CAREER)
The Humphrey School offers a Master of Public Affairs (MPA) degree program for mid-career professionals who want to advance their skills in public and nonprofit leadership, management, and policy analysis at the local, state, national, or global level.

Designed to stimulate personal and professional growth through concentrated work with dedicated peers, the MPA provides students the opportunity to design a program that works best for them and their goals. The majority of our MPA students take one or two classes at a time while working full-time, with most completing their degree in less than three years.

POSITIONS OUR GRADUATES HOLD
Senator
State of Minnesota
Director
Native American Training Institute, Bismarck, North Dakota
President and CEO
Achieve Minneapolis
Regional Director
Eurasia Foundation, Moscow Regional Office, Russia
Senior Resident Magistrate
Arusha High Court, Tanzania
Vice President, Racial Justice & Public Policy
YWCA Minneapolis
Vice President, Service and Operation
UCare Minnesota
The Humphrey School of Public Affairs taught me how to systematically tackle social issues about which I am passionate. The school also introduced me to the concept of ‘integrative leadership’ and the need to build relationships across disciplines and sectors in solving complex problems.

Matthew Johnson
Graduate
Master of Public Affairs (Mid-Career)

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I really appreciated the active learning strategies that are the basis for the MPA program. I regularly apply the lessons learned to special projects underway in my field of medical education.

Leslie Anderson
HUMPHREY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

CERTIFICATE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD POLICY is designed to offer students expertise in applying research-based knowledge to public policies affecting young children and the adults who care for them.

CERTIFICATE IN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION is a fully online program for professionals managing state and local election offices, as well as graduate students considering careers in election administration.

CERTIFICATE IN HUMAN SERVICES LEADERSHIP provides professionals the knowledge and skills necessary to redesign public services and programs, address racial disparities, and develop policy solutions to complex community needs.

CERTIFICATE IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT harnesses the curriculum of a program ranked second in the country for nonprofit management to provide professionals skills related to human resource development, organizational evaluation, finance, conflict resolution, and decision-making.

CERTIFICATE IN POLICIES ON WORK AND PAY provides professionals in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors the insight and ability to better understand and evaluate federal, state, and local policies that affect the employment relationship.

CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS LEADERSHIP offers mid-career professionals specific knowledge and skills in leadership, management, public policy, and analysis to succeed and advance in today’s workplace.

MS–STEP

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

This program prepares individuals with backgrounds in natural sciences, physical sciences, or engineering to become leaders and innovators who integrate science with policy and action to solve grand challenges. The Master of Science in Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy (MS–STEP) degree focuses on understanding the role of science, technology, and the environment in our society, particularly in relation to economic growth, sustainability, health, education, and national security.

POSITIONS OUR GRADUATES HOLD

Environmental Impact Manager
U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC

Fiscal and Policy Analyst
State of California

Water Policy Planner
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

Program and Policy Manager
Center for Energy and the Environment, Minneapolis

Project Leader
LK Domain Registry, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka

DUAL DEGREE OFFERINGS

MS–STEP/JD, Law School

MURP

MASTER OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

Influencing how neighborhoods, cities, and regions develop is the work of urban and regional planners. The Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) degree program brings together experts from planning, sociology, engineering, law, architecture, social work, public health, urban design, and other disciplines to build cities, tackle urban sprawl, upgrade housing, protect the environment, and promote community and economic development. For nearly 10 years, our graduates have had the highest passage rate on the American Institute of Certified Planners exam.

POSITIONS OUR GRADUATES HOLD

Executive Director
U.S. Federal Transit Administration, Washington, DC

Director
Aviation Services, ICF International, China

Vice President for Environment
JPB Foundation, New York

Urban Designer
MIG, Inc., San Francisco

City Planner
City of Saint Paul

DUAL DEGREE OFFERINGS

MURP/JD, Law School
MURP/MSCE (Civil Engineering), College of Science and Engineering
MURP/MSW, School of Social Work
MURP/MPH, School of Public Health
PhD

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Public Affairs offers rigorous, advanced study that prepares researchers to enter academia or join highly respected institutions involved in cutting-edge research in public affairs, policy, planning, and management.

Successful applicants are clear about their research interests and why the Humphrey School is the best place to do that research. Students are expected to make original theoretical, methodological, or substantive contributions in one of four specialization areas: public policy; urban and regional planning; public and nonprofit management; and science, technology, and environmental policy.

Students are advised by highly accomplished faculty members with research expertise and experience. The curriculum includes a common set of core classes, customized courses in one of the four specializations, and completion of a dissertation. Each specialization requires advanced training in theory, research design, statistics, and other quantitative and qualitative methods. Students also complete training in pedagogy and gain experience in teaching.

All PhD applicants are considered for financial support. Admitted students are provided a minimum of three years of financial assistance through tuition benefits, stipends, and research or teaching assistantships. Funds are limited and admission is competitive.

MINNEAPOLIS+ST. PAUL

VIBRANT + DISTINCTIVE

Situated in a vibrant metropolitan region that encompasses both the state capital and economic center of the upper Midwest, the Humphrey School offers students tremendous opportunities to jump-start their careers. By nearly every measure, the Twin Cities area ranks among the country’s most desirable places to live, work, and study, and offers exceptional professional, cultural, social, and recreational opportunities.

Although separated by the Mississippi River, Minneapolis and Saint Paul together form the core of the Twin Cities metropolitan area, the 16th-largest metropolitan area in the United States with more than three million residents. With the energy and sophistication of the largest U.S. cities, Minneapolis–Saint Paul has a rich history, beautiful scenery, year-round outdoor recreation, world-class art museums, professional sports, and exciting nightspots. And the Humphrey School sits in the center of it all.

Minneapolis and Saint Paul both are noted for their affordability, with the cost of living significantly lower than in similar cities on the East and West coasts, and boast distinctive neighborhoods. The region has made major transit investments to its extensive public transportation system, and has one of the best urban systems of trails and parks in the world.

Minnesota’s economy is one of the most diversified in the nation with more than 90% of all major U.S. industries located in the state, including 18 Fortune 500 companies and 16 S&P 500 firms, plus dozens of governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations. The Twin Cities community has long been noted for its tremendous spirit of civic cooperation. Private corporations and foundations often join with government and community organizations to improve and expand the resources available to the community and opportunities for students.
We focus on connecting our students and graduates to meaningful work that matches their passions and areas of study. Our students get real-world experience through internships, capstone workshops, and field experiences in developing countries. Working on projects focused on global human rights, international development, racial disparities, energy grid expansion, public transit and transportation, K-12 education policy, and a host of other pressing issues, students leave the Humphrey School with practical experience and better positioned for employment.

The vast majority of our alumni are employed in their chosen field. In fact, more than 90% of recent graduates found work in their field of interest.

Our extensive career resources include specialized courses; annual career exploration trips to Washington, DC, and throughout the Twin Cities; internship advising; individualized counseling; and an alumni mentor program. We are unique in that we continue to provide career services long after graduation, throughout our graduates’ careers.

**WHERE OUR ALUMNI LIVE + WORK**

**TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT**

- 35% Government Employment
- 33% Nonprofit Employment
- 24% Private Sector
- 8% Academic Staff

The Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs was founded in 1977 to honor Senator and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, a legislator and statesman recognized internationally for his contributions to improving the well-being of humanity. Before his death, Humphrey made certain that the institution that would bear his name would be a living memorial. He wanted a vibrant public affairs program that would not only prepare future leaders but also would be a forum for active debate on the policy issues of the day—and an academy that would produce the best research and non-partisan advocacy based on that research. In honor of its namesake, the Humphrey School of Public Affairs continues to carry out this legacy and instill in its students an understanding of and commitment to leadership and public service.
The Humphrey School staff is committed to doing all it can to assist students with the cost of a graduate education. University Fellowship programs and Humphrey School merit-based aid awards are competitive, and range from partial- to full-tuition packages, with some including assistantships. In addition, financial assistance is used to support the important objective of achieving diversity and inclusion at the Humphrey School. The Office of Admissions provides comprehensive resources related to financial literacy, loan options, and public-service specific repayment options. Staff members are available to meet with students one-on-one to discuss funding options and the financial aid process.

The School also is proud to support students who have participated in programs such as AmeriCorps, PPIA, Pickering Fellows, Rangel Fellows, Peace Corps, Truman Scholars, and others. Additionally, application fee waivers are available in some cases.

Applicants are encouraged to visit the Admissions website at hhh.umn.edu/masters-degrees/cost-aid for more details on how to apply, cost and financing, and more.

Students who wish to be considered for the Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change (ICGC) Scholar Fellowship should submit completed application materials by December 15. More information can be found at icgc.umn.edu.

Students who wish to be considered for Humphrey School merit-based aid should submit completed application materials by January 15.

No additional application materials are required for aid consideration if a complete application is received by the dates above.
Admission to the Humphrey School of Public Affairs is competitive. All degree program candidates apply for admission once per year in the fall term; certificate applicants may apply for the fall or spring term.

While each degree and certificate program has its own requirements, in general the following components are required:

• Application
• Personal statement discussing educational and professional experiences and goals
• Resume or CV
• GRE score (for MDP, MHR, MPP, MS–STEP, and MURP)
• Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended
• 3 letters of recommendation
• Optional: Diversity statement
• Writing sample (for PhD only)

Visit the “How to Apply” section of our website at hhh.umn.edu/admissions for deadlines, scholarship information, and prerequisites for each program.

For detailed information about on-campus information sessions, recruitment events, campus visits, and other ways to learn about and experience the Humphrey School, visit hhh.umn.edu/admissions/information-sessions or call 612.624.3800.
“The road to freedom—here and everywhere—begins in the classroom.”

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY