

# Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs

## Overview of Pre-requisite Courses

[The Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs \(MPPGA\)](#) is a 20-month or an accelerated 16-month professional program offered at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Vancouver, B.C. The first year of the program requires students to follow mandatory core courses across a wide range of disciplines, including communications, economics, quantitative methods, and public management.

The MPPGA Program Office requires applicants demonstrate knowledge of microeconomics, macroeconomics, and statistics/quantitative methods **at the introductory level** at a post-secondary institution. At minimum, we would like applicants to have the level of economics or statistics/quantitative methods knowledge normally acquired from a 100-level (1st year) introductory course. This is to prepare for the following courses:

- PPGA 500 – Economics for Policy
- PPGA 503 – Measurement and Data Analysis for Policy

### Accepted Economics & Statistics Courses

In order to be best prepared for the program, students should have completed one option from the below in the last five years. Students must complete these no later than July 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they are starting the program.

#### Microeconomics

- Any course that transfers to Econ 101 at UBC as listed in the BC Transfer guide: <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/>
- A post-secondary, one term Introduction to Microeconomic Principles Course
- Advanced Placement Economics: Microeconomics
- International Baccalaureate Economics HL
- British Pattern Education: A-Level Economics
- Khan Academy: 90% Mastery in [AP Microeconomics](#)
- Coursera: [Microeconomic Principles](#) – verified certificate
- EdX: [AP Microeconomics](#) – verified certificate

#### Macroeconomics

- Any course that transfers to Econ 102 at UBC as listed in the BC Transfer guide: <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/>
- A post-secondary, one term Introduction to Macroeconomic Principles Course
- Advanced Placement Economics: Macroeconomics
- International Baccalaureate Economics HL
- British Pattern Education: A-Level Economics
- Khan Academy: 90% Mastery in [AP Macroeconomics](#)

#### Statistics

- Any course that transfers to Stat 200, 241, or 251 at UBC as listed in the BC Transfer guide: <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/>

- A post-secondary, one term Introduction to Statistics Course
- Advanced Placement Statistics
- International Baccalaureate Economics HL
- Khan Academy: 90% Mastery in [AP Statistics](#)
- Coursera: [Basic Statistics](#) – verified certificate