Master of Science in Public Policy and Management

Carnegie Mellon University’s Master of Science in Public Policy and Management (MSPPM) program prepares students to advance the public interest by developing exceptional analytic, quantitative and technical skills. With courses covering policy analysis, financial management and analysis, project management, and information technology, the program provides market oriented training that is applicable to any policy field in the public, non-profit and private sectors.

This unique and distinguished program focuses on:

Skills  
Graduates will understand how to analyse data and make effective management decisions using strong quantitative, technical and problem-solving tools.

Efficiency  
Graduates will be able to solve complex problems using fewer resources; using technology to work smarter.

Leadership  
Graduates will be strategic thinkers with a solid foundation in project management.

Creativity  
Graduates will look beyond traditional paradigms; looking instead to non-traditional, path-breaking solutions.

Real world experience  
Graduates will quickly put newly gained skills into action; the curriculum experience includes practical application of tools through internships and project work.

A RENOWNED UNIVERSITY WORLDWIDE

Carnegie Mellon University is ranked as one of the top 50 universities internationally and many of our degree programs are ranked top in their fields. The Heinz College is ranked among the top ten public policy schools and ranked first in the area of information technology. With alumni world-wide, the university’s network spans organisations on every continent. Graduates of our programs have access to these professionals and current students have opportunities for mentoring relationships and internships.

Additionally, students are able to take advantage of the formal exchange program between the US and the Australian campus and to benefit from a US degree that is accredited in both countries and is recognised internationally as representing the highest academic standards.

With small class sizes and international faculty, students enjoy individual attention and a global perspective on their studies. Working with staff and faculty from across the world opens students to alternative ideas and ways of thinking which is transformed to their work environment.

A TOP RANKED AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN AUSTRALIA

The Asia/Pacific branch of the Heinz College is located in Adelaide, the capital of South Australia, which provides distinct advantages for students wishing to obtain a Carnegie Mellon degree in a location outside the United States.

The Heinz College is located in Victoria Square, in the city’s central business district. Home to three other large universities, numerous cultural venues and affordable restaurants, Adelaide has a warm and sunny climate. The beach is 20 minutes away by public transportation and South Australia’s wine country is an hour away. Students will find many activities to occupy the time they are not studying!

MSPPM SAMPLE ONE-YEAR TRACK CURRICULUM FOR ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

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| • Applied Economic Analysis I  
• Empirical Methods for Public Policy and Management  
• Policy Analysis I  
• Strategic Planning  
• Information Technology for Public Policy and Management | • Applied Economic Analysis II  
• Financial Analysis  
• Program Evaluation  
• Decision Making Under Uncertainty  
• Policy Seminar  
• Project Management | • Policy Analysis II  
• Cost Benefit Analysis  
• Ethics and Public Policy  
• Systems Synthesis |

AUGMENTED BY ELECTIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING

• Financial Management  
• Strategic Writing Skills  
• Ethics & Public Policy  
• Strategic Presentation Skills  
• International Development  
• Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS  
www.heinz.cmu.edu.au
Internships
Internships are compulsory for students doing the MSPPM 21 month program (Minimum of 10 weeks) and optional for all other students. Students conducting compulsory internships will usually do them in the third Semester of their first year. Students doing optional internships will usually undertake them during December/January. Internships are completed in a variety of organisations including Government, not for profit and private institutions.

*Exchange Program
Students are able to take advantage of the formal exchange program between the US and the Australian campus. Students enrolled in the MSPPM Program in Adelaide have the opportunity to undertake one semester of study at the Heinz College campus in the United States. (*subject to approval)

Systems Synthesis Project
The capstone experience at the Heinz College is the systems synthesis project. Students propose a project, frame the problem, conduct the analysis, make recommendations and present their findings – a true, real world application of skills. This course embraces four educational goals that “synthesise” the Heinz College experience and apply it to the analysis of complex public policy issues:

- Develop problem structuring and solving skills;
- Develop project management, teamwork, and communication skills;
- Provide a capstone experience that integrates and synthesizes “core” coursework;
- Provide a “real world” organisational experience.

The projects change every year, but the intent remains the same—utilizing skills developed at the Heinz College to tackle a real public interest problem. “Very few public policy schools offer this type of experience – structuring a real-world problem and developing a solution. It also is a great way for students to develop team and consensus building skills that are so critical to their future success,” said Heinz College Associate Dean Brenda Peyser. Our students and faculty have contributed thousands of hours of service to the community through systems projects every year!

Length of Program
The degree requires the completion of the equivalent of twelve full-semester classes. Full-time students will be able to complete the degree in one year.

Scholarships and Financial Aid
Numerous scholarships are available and approximately 85% of our students receive support. US citizens who are eligible for federal loans may use their funding to attend the Heinz College in Australia.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
To be considered for admissions to the MSPPM Program, students must have a Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited University or College.

A complete application for admissions will include:
- A complete online application form (www.cmu.edu.au/apply)
- Official transcripts from all colleges and Universities attended
- Official GMAT or GRE Scores
- Official IELTS score 7.0 or TOEFL equivalent for those students whose native language is NOT English
- A current resume
- A 1000-word essay describing your background and career goals
- Three online recommendations

Application Deadlines
*Application Deadlines In-take dates
September 15th January
May 1st August
(*for specific in-take dates please refer to our website www.heinz.cmu.edu.au)

Careers
Our mission is to provide top tier services to students, alumni, and employers. We partner with students to develop a personalised career plan and to build effective tools and resources for career search and development. We also support Heinz alumni with continuing career resources and networking opportunities.

For more information contact us on: hnzadmit-australia@andrew.cmu.edu
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