



# Master of Public Policy



Specialise in **policy analysis**  
or **management and**  
**organisation**



## Welcome

The **Hertie School of Governance** is an international teaching and research centre of excellence located in vibrant and cosmopolitan Berlin. Exceptional teaching, research and outreach on international and intersectoral governance challenges are the school's hallmark.

Our motto is **Understand today. Shape tomorrow.** We attract a highly talented student body from diverse national and disciplinary backgrounds—united by a desire to make a difference and to bring about a better future. We offer them a study environment characterised by close interaction with faculty, lively public debates and engagement with current policy developments. In addition, our students have access to the School's global network that includes the London School of Economics and Political Science, Sciences Po in Paris, Columbia University in New York and many other excellent public policy schools worldwide.

The Hertie School's **Master of Public Policy (MPP)** provides the tools tomorrow's decision makers need to analyse policies, critically assess policy innovations and evaluate solutions. The programme offers an analytically challenging and problem-oriented education in governance, policy analysis, management and leadership, strengthened by real-world experience



in the public and private sectors. It brings together perspectives from economics, political science, law and sociology, and trains students in quantitative and qualitative methodologies.

Our growing alumni network offers students and graduates access to an international community of successful policy professionals in leading organisations in many countries.

As an ambassador of good governance and public stewardship, the Hertie School has become a hub for top scholars and researchers, as well as experts and representatives from the spheres of politics, business and civil society who contribute to events at the school. MPP students actively contribute to these debates and regularly spearhead their own initiatives to foster the public good.

We look forward to welcoming you in Berlin.



Henrik Enderlein  
President



## Academic Programme

### A cutting-edge programme for tomorrow's leaders

The MPP is an academically demanding degree programme with a hands-on approach, which prepares students to tackle today's most pressing policy problems.

#### Core courses

In the first year, MPP students take courses in economics, political science, statistics, public management, and law. They participate in a project course usually taught together with a public policy institution, designed to confront students with the challenges of a real-world project.

Between the first and second year of study, students gain professional experience in a full-time internship in a public policy relevant institution.

#### Electives

In their second semester, students begin a concentration in either policy analysis or management and organisation. Depending on their chosen concentration, students refine their quantitative and qualitative methods or management competences in the second year of study.



They deepen their policy expertise by choosing from a wide range of electives in such areas as climate and energy, civil society, economics and finance, innovation and regulation, as well as security and development.

### **Master's thesis**

MPP students complete their degree requirements with a master's thesis, which applies the knowledge, concepts and tools they have learned to develop a set of policy recommendations for a concrete policy problem. The thesis is developed under the guidance of a supervising faculty member and can be carried out in cooperation with a practice partner.



### **Christine Reh**

Dean Graduate Programmes,  
Hertie School of Governance

*“The Hertie School’s MPP equips students with the research skills, knowledge and hands-on experience they need to analyse and promote good policymaking in all sectors.”*



## Key Concentrations

### Specialise in policy analysis or management tools

MPP candidates choose between concentrations in policy analysis or management and organisation in their second semester. They acquire tools which can be applied to the public, private or civil society sector and at all levels of governance, from local to global.

**Policy analysis** focuses on methods and tools of analysis such as statistics, econometrics, or behavioural economics. **Management and organisation** explores competences such as strategy, change management, or organisational design.

In their third and fourth semesters, MPP students attend two concentration-based electives to refine their quantitative analysis or management skills.



**Claudia Marcela  
Granados Vergara**  
MPP Alumna from Colombia

“Hertie School students are multi-everything, we are multi-cultural, multi-disciplinary, multi-tasking—and we still find the time to have fun in Berlin.”

SEMESTER 4	Concentration elective	Portfolio elective	Master's thesis (Research)	Master's thesis (Colloquium)	
	Concentration elective	Portfolio elective	Portfolio elective	Portfolio elective	
SEMESTER 3	Concentration elective	Portfolio elective	Portfolio elective	Portfolio elective	
Internship – summer break					
SEMESTER 2	Concentration course	Law and Governance	Project course	Economics II	PDC
	The Policy Process	Public Management	Economics I	Statistics	PDC
SEMESTER 1	The Policy Process	Public Management	Economics I	Statistics	PDC

### ■ Core courses

In the first year of study, students attend eight core courses to build a strong disciplinary and methodological foundation.

### ■ Professional development courses (PDCs)

During their first year, students take two PDCs to gain professional skills (e.g. public speaking, software training, negotiation techniques).

### ■ Internship

Between the first and second year of study, students are required to complete a six-week full-time internship (June – August).

### ■ Concentration

After the first semester, students choose a concentration and attend one core course specific to their choice (either Statistics II or Management and Leadership). Students attend two elective courses specific to their concentration during the 3rd and 4th semester.

### Portfolio electives

■ In the second year of study, students choose four portfolio electives from a wide range of topics.

### Master's thesis

■ At the end of their third semester, students start to work on a master's thesis research project supported by a master's thesis colloquium taught by their advisor, a core faculty member.



## Study Abroad

### Expand your international experience

#### Academic exchange

Students can spend their third semester at a partner university where they attend four elective courses. The Hertie School has an extensive global network of over 20 partner universities around the globe.

#### Dual degree

For students who want even more international experience, dual degree programmes are offered in cooperation with partner schools around the globe. For MPP students, dual degree programmes have been set up with the following institutions:

- Bocconi University
- Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs
- London School of Economics and Political Science
- Sciences Po Paris
- Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs
- University of Tokyo's Graduate School of Public Policy

Admitted students spend one year at the Hertie School and one year at the partner institution.



## A Professional Degree

### Build a professional network

As a professional school for governance, the Hertie School gives students several opportunities to apply what they are learning and begin building a professional network.

Students are expected to complete a summer **internship** between their first and second year of study. For students who want to dive even deeper into a professional environment, the School offers a **Professional Year** between the first and second year of the programme.

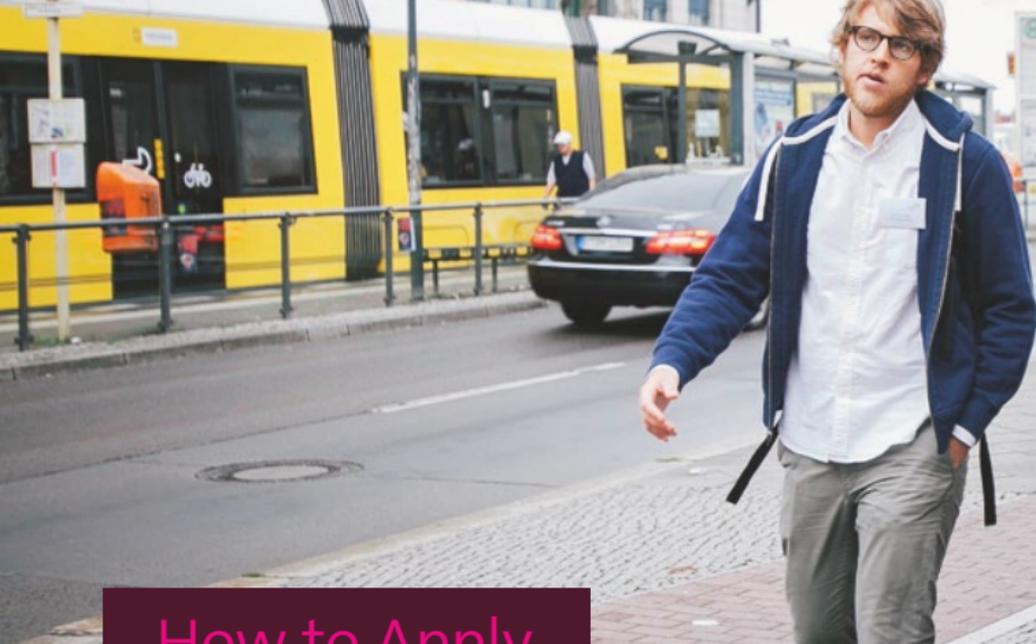
For internships and the professional year, the School has established relationships with a range of institutions. The Hertie School also invites relevant professionals including alumni to its **Professional Perspectives** lecture series.



#### **Martina Podhorová**

Professional Year at the German Federal Ministry of Health

“At the Ministry I was regarded as 100 percent member of the team and my tasks equalled those of the permanent employees. My Hertie School skills were highly valued and I got full support and excellent conditions to develop them further.”



## How to Apply

Candidates with an excellent undergraduate degree and a strong motivation to study public policy are invited to apply for the MPP programme.

### Application requirements

- Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from any disciplinary background
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of motivation
- Academic transcripts
- Academic letters of reference
- English proficiency certificate (TOEFL or IELTS)

### Application deadlines

The priority deadline is **1 February**.

Admissions and scholarships are offered on a rolling basis. Applicants who seek financial aid should apply early (between October and late January).

Applications will be accepted until **1 May**.



## Financial aid and scholarships

The Hertie School is committed to attracting the best students from around the world. To achieve this goal we provide financial support to students in the form of full and partial tuition waivers. Most students rely on a mixture of tuition waivers, external scholarships, loans and student jobs to finance their studies.

## Contact us

For more information regarding the application process and requirements visit the MPP website at [www.hertie-school.org/mpp](http://www.hertie-school.org/mpp) or contact our admissions team at [grad-admissions@hertie-school.org](mailto:grad-admissions@hertie-school.org).

## Master of Public Policy – key facts

- 2-year, full-time programme (120 ECTS) in English, MPP degree
- Specialise in **policy analysis** or **management and organisation**
- Integrated professional development: Internship and Professional Year programme
- Career services, professional and alumni network
- Tuition: 16,250 euros per year
- Accredited by ACQUIN



The Hertie School of Governance was founded in 2003 by the Hertie Foundation, which remains its major partner.

The school is situated in the heart of Berlin, a stone's throw from the city's most beautiful square, Gendarmenmarkt. Just minutes from the houses of parliament, various federal ministries, political representations, media organisations and research institutes, the Hertie School has its finger firmly on the pulse of the latest developments in public policy, governance and academia.

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