Master of Public Policy

Specialise in policy analysis or management and organisation
Welcome to the Hertie School

The Hertie School 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 our students 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, the Graduate School of Public Policy in Tokyo 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, 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, exemplifying our school’s core value: active engagement for the common good.

We look forward to welcoming you in Berlin.

Henrik Enderlein
President
MPP student body at a glance

International: Students from all over the world
- Germany: 38%
- Asia: 13%
- Latin America: 18%
- North America: 11%
- Africa: 2%
- Other European countries: 17%
- Other countries: 17%

Interdisciplinary: Students from all subject fields
- Social Science: 61%
- Business and Economics: 20%
- Humanities: 7%
- Science and Engineering: 5%
- Law: 7%

Find a Hertie School Alumni Chapter near you
- Berlin
- Bogota
- Brussels
- Frankfurt
- London
- Mexico City
- New Delhi
- New York
- Rhineland
- Toronto
- Washington DC

*Three last cohorts 2017-2018-2019
Academic programme

The Master of Public Policy (MPP) is a rigorous and practice-oriented programme that gives you the knowledge and experience to promote sound policies in all sectors and tackle today’s most pressing governance challenges.

- **Core courses**
  Attend six core courses and build a strong disciplinary and methodological foundation in economics, political science, statistics, public management and law.

- **Areas of concentration**
  Choose between two areas of concentration. **Policy Analysis** puts emphasis on analytical methods and tools used to tackle modern governance challenges – such as statistics, econometrics or behavioural economics. **Management and Organisation** focuses on competencies such as strategy, change management and organisational design.

- **Professional development module**
  Gain pertinent insights into the daily work of a public policy institution and acquire practical knowledge through skills workshops, a project course and a summer internship.

- **Electives**
  Deepen your expertise by choosing electives from a wide range of topics including: European and global governance, economics and finance, welfare and sustainability, innovation and regulation, democracy and ethics.

- **Master’s thesis**
  Conclude your studies with a master’s thesis and apply the knowledge, concepts and tools you have learned both inside and outside the classroom to address a concrete policy problem.

For more information about courses and electives, visit our Course Catalogue: [www.hertie-school.org/course-catalogue](http://www.hertie-school.org/course-catalogue)

“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.”

Christine Reh
Dean of Graduate Programmes
A professional degree

Gain work experience during your studies

At the Hertie School, we understand that career planning is a lifelong matter. During your studies, you will begin building a professional network and put what you learn in the classroom to the test:

In the professional development module, focus on your professional growth. Choose two skills courses (e.g. a conflict management simulation game, adaptive leadership, public speaking) and participate in a project course usually taught in collaboration with a public policy partner. Attend individual career coaching sessions and complete a summer internship after your first year of study. Those who want to acquire even more work experience can opt for a Professional Year.

In addition, take part in our mentoring programme with alumni and members of the Hertie School’s practice council. Learn from experienced practitioners and decision-makers about the demands of the German and international job markets.

“...The practical perspective is what I like the most about the Hertie School. In the MPP, you apply the knowledge that you have learned to real-world cases and in scenarios you encounter in daily life.”

Fiorentina Garcia (Mexico)  
MPP 2020

Study abroad

Expand your international experience

Academic exchange

Take advantage of the Hertie School’s extensive global network of over 20 partner universities around the world! Spend your third semester abroad and take four elective courses.

Dual degree

The Hertie School partners with a selection of universities around the globe, offering dual-degree programmes to students who wish to spend one year at the Hertie School and one year at a partner institution.

MPP students are eligible to apply to dual-degree programmes with the following institutions:

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

After completing their studies, students receive a degree from both institutions.
How to apply

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

Application requirements

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

Application deadlines

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

The priority deadline is 1 February. Applications will be accepted until 1 May.

Contact us!

For more information regarding the application process and requirements, visit the MPP website at www.hertie-school.org/mpp

Contact our admissions team at grad-admissions@hertie-school.org
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Financial aid and scholarships

We are committed to attracting the best students from around the world and helping all Hertie School students develop a plan to finance their studies. To achieve this goal, we provide financial support in the form of full and partial tuition waivers and collaborate with external funding partners. Most students fund their studies with a mixture of tuition waivers, external scholarships, loans and student jobs.

- About 50% of Hertie School students receive financial aid or a scholarship.
- Financial aid and scholarships are awarded in the form of tuition waivers ranging from 10% to 100% of tuition fees.
- Financial aid and scholarships are granted for the entire period of study and are allocated on a rolling basis up until the final application deadlines.
- Applicants who need financial assistance are encouraged to apply by the priority deadline.

“At the Hertie School, I am continually inspired by the sense of urgency and responsibility towards reshaping our society into a better version of what it currently is and I am grateful for the opportunity to be a member of this community.”

Joshua Aje (Nigeria)
MPP 2020
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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 or Professional Year programme
• Career services, professional and alumni network
• Tuition: 17,250 euros per year
• Accredited by ACQUIN

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