Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy

The Numbers

- Established in 2007 to prepare students to work with and analyze public policy with additional training on leadership
- For undergraduate students, the School offers an opportunity to earn a bachelor’s degree
- The School offers two tracks for earning a masters in Public Policy (MPP)

Programs

The Frank Batten School for Leadership and Public Policy offers three different programs. Firstly, there is an undergraduate major that students can apply to during their second year. Secondly there are two paths to earn a Masters in Public Policy (MPP). The normal path takes about two years post-graduation and would be applied to during the students Fourth Year. The more popular path for many students is the Accelerated Masters Program, which allows students to work on their Masters Degree during their final year at UVA then return for an extra year to finish their MPP.

General Information

The Frank Batten School for Leadership and Public Policy provides students with the opportunity to gain the analytical and theoretical tools for public policy analysis. This program prepares students for a variety of careers focusing on policy analysis, including working for various levels of government and public agencies as well as for work in the private sector particularly with consulting and non-profit groups. While the undergraduate and the graduate programs vary in terms of courses and structure, they both offer an opportunity to focus on economics and also upon how to craft effective policy through courses and electives that offer an inside look at different policy areas. Also, within the Masters in Public Policy Program, students are required to work on a policy related internship during the summer before the final year of the program, allowing students to get real work experience related to fields in the public and private sector.