

THE ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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1. Admissions

The University of Wisconsin–Madison's La Follette School of Public Affairs seeks candidates who demonstrate the ability and experience to engage in a rigorous public affairs graduate program. The faculty Admissions Committee looks for evidence of strong academic achievement, relevant experience, potential for success in the public affairs graduate programs, commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion, and capacity to do well in a public service career, through a holistic review of each student's application, transcripts, optional GRE scores, references, resume, and statement of purpose.

1.1 Materials required of all candidates for consideration for admission

- **On-line UW-Madison graduate application.** Available at <https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>.
- **Resume.** Applicants should upload a current resume to the online application.
- **Statement of Purpose.** The statement of purpose provides applicants with the opportunity to demonstrate their motivation to pursue a Master of Public Affairs (MPA) or Master of International Public Affairs (MIPA) degree and their commitment to a career dedicated to public service. They are encouraged to reflect on the experiences shaping their decision to apply and how a degree from the La Follette School of Public Affairs will help them make progress toward their personal and/or professional goals. Applicants also can use this opportunity to share what or how you will contribute to the diversity of the La Follette School community. The essay, no more than two double-spaced pages, should be uploaded to the online application. If an applicant has faced unusual or extenuating circumstances that may impact their application to the La Follette School, they may choose to describe how they have impacted their academic record on a separate page but in the same document as your statement of purpose. This section should not exceed 150 words. Whether an applicant chooses to include this section or not will **not** negatively impact an application.
- **Three Letters of Recommendation.** The admissions committee prefers at least two references from previous professors who can speak to your potential as a graduate student. Recommenders will receive an email from UW-Madison after the applicant enters the faculty names and email address into the online application. Recommenders should submit letters electronically by following the directions in the email. Letters must be received by January 1 in order for applicants to be considered for priority admission and funding.
- **One official transcript from each institution of higher education attended.** Applicants must submit undergraduate transcripts in pdf format as part of the graduate school application. Unofficial transcripts **are** acceptable. Applicants who are accepted to the La Follette School and decide to attend will be required to submit official transcripts to the UW-Madison Graduate School after May 1. However, to be considered for priority admission and funding, only unofficial transcripts need to be provided by January 1.
- **Optional GRE Scores** Submission of GRE scores is optional for fall 2022 admissions. If you believe your GRE scores are a fair representation of your ability and potential, you can choose to share GRE scores as part of your application. Applications with and without GRE scores will be treated equally. If you have questions, please email La Follette School Admissions at admissions@lafollette.wisc.edu. Note that for applicants who do submit GRE scores, we do **not** utilize a strict GRE cut-off. If you take the computer-delivered GRE General Test, your official scores will be available in your ETS Account and sent to the institutions you designated

approximately 10–15 days after your test date. If you take the paper-delivered test, your official scores will be available in your ETS Account and sent to the institutions you designated within five weeks after your test date. The UW–Madison institution code is 1846. Tests should be completed by mid-November to ensure scores are received by January 1.

- **English as a Foreign Language Testing.** Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose entire undergraduate instruction was not in English, must provide official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). TOEFL information can be found at www.ets.org. The La Follette School requires a TOEFL paper-based test score of 580 or above, TOEFL computer-based test score of 237 or above, TOEFL Internet-based test score of 92 or above, or an IELTS score of 7 or above. The admissions committee may ask a student regardless of their English test results to take a University of Wisconsin–Madison English assessment test upon arrival, and the student must register for any recommended English-as-a-second-language course(s) in the first semester of graduate study.
- **Application fee, \$75.00, payable in U.S. dollars to University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School.** A \$75 non-refundable application fee can be paid by credit card (MasterCard or Visa) or by debit or ATM card. Non-U.S. citizens must pay an additional \$6 international document processing fee. UW-Madison's Graduate School provides grants for application fees; more information is available at: <https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/fee-grant/>.

Application materials become the property of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and will not be released, except to other UW campus departments at the student's request for admission to that department. Students may view their files with 24-hours-notice. If the student has signed a waiver that promises confidentiality, letters of recommendation will be removed prior to student viewing. Files may not be removed from the office, and a staff member must be present at all times.

The Director of Admissions of the Graduate School admits students to the Graduate School of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The La Follette School Admissions Committee, appointed by the Director of the La Follette School and chaired by the Associate Director, provides the Dean with a departmental recommendation.

1.2 Prerequisites for the Master of Public Affairs

- A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (final 60 credits) on a 4.0 scale
- At least one college-level course with a B or better, taken in the past 5 years, in each of the following areas:
 - Introduction to microeconomics or course equivalent to [Microeconomics 101](#) or [Agricultural and Applied Economics 215](#)
 - Introduction to statistics or calculus or course equivalent to [Statistics 301](#), [Math 211](#) or [Math 221](#), [Sociology 360](#), or [Psychology 210](#)
 - Introduction to American government or course equivalent to [Political Science 104](#)

1.3 Prerequisites for the Master of International Public Affairs

- A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (final 60 credits) on a 4.0 scale
- At least one college-level course with a B or better, taken in the past 5 years, in each of the following areas:

- Introduction to microeconomics or course equivalent to [Microeconomics 101](#) or [Agricultural and Applied Economics 215](#)
- Introduction to macroeconomics or course equivalent to [Macroeconomics 102](#)
- Introduction to statistics or calculus or course equivalent to [Statistics 301](#), [Math 211](#) or [Math 221](#), [Sociology 360](#), or [Psychology 210](#)
- Comparative politics or international relations or course equivalent to [Political Science 120](#) or [Political Science 140](#)
- For students from English-speaking countries, three semesters of a foreign language, demonstrated competence in a language other than English, or one or more years of foreign residence.

1.4 Other criteria taken into consideration for degree applicants

In selecting applicants for admission and support, the committee considers the following information:

- Strong academic achievement
- Undergraduate major & minor courses relevant to public affairs and policy
- Performance in related and preparatory courses
- Relevant administrative, managerial, or policy analysis experience in the public, non-profit, or private sector
- Potential for success in public affairs graduate programs
- Commitment to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion
- Capacity to do well in a public service career
- Targeted class and degree program size

1.5 Failure to meet admission requirements

Applicants who do not meet minimum course prerequisites for admission may be conditionally admitted, but they must complete the coursework prior to enrollment in the program. In some cases and only upon the approval by the Associate Director these prerequisites will be completed during the first full semester of coursework or waived. These course credits will not be counted as credits toward the graduate degree. Students should be aware that failure to meet prerequisites prior to entry may delay completion of the degree.

If a student's GPA does not fulfill minimum eligibility requirements of the Graduate School, the student may be admitted on probation. Conditions for first semester coursework and for terminating probationary status will be specified in the Admissions Recommendation to the Graduate School. All students are required to maintain a 3.0 average to be in good standing.

1.6 Deferral of enrollment

Students who do not wish to enroll in the semester specified in their admission letter may request a one-year deferral of enrollment. Deferral of enrollment requires the submission of a new online application and payment of fee to the Graduate School by January 1st of the year they plan to enroll. Application materials will be held for 5 years. Additional documents may be requested by the Admissions Committee before final acceptance.

1.7 University Special Students

Students taking graduate-level courses as University Special Students and who are later admitted to MPA/MIPA program should not expect course credits routinely to count toward the degree. No more than nine credits earned as a Special Student will count toward a student's degree.

1.8 Student privacy rights

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, as amended, is a federal law that governs the privacy of student educational records, access to those records, and disclosure of information from them. More information about FERPA can be found at <https://registrar.wisc.edu/ferpa/>.

1.9 FERPA can be summarized by the following two points:

Access. An eligible student is permitted certain rights regarding their educational records:

- Right to inspect and review the records
- Right to seek to have the records amended or corrected
- Right to control disclosure of certain portions of the records
- Right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education

Confidentiality. UW-Madison school officials must protect the privacy of student educational records and shall not disclose personally identifiable information about a student or permit inspection of the student's records without their written consent unless such action is permitted by FERPA.

2. Fellowships, Graduate Assistantships and Scholarships

Students applying to the accelerated program are not considered for funding by the La Follette School and accelerated students in their first year of the program are not eligible to receive fellowships or graduate assistantships from the La Follette School. Accelerated students are eligible to apply for and receive fellowships or graduate assistantships once they achieve graduate student standing in their second year of the program.

Students who apply to the La Follette School of Public Affairs by January 1 receive priority consideration for La Follette School fellowships. There is no separate application. The school's Admissions Committee awards La Follette School fellowships on a merit basis.

La Follette School fellowships provide tuition remission (in and out of state), health insurance, and a stipend during the student's first year. In their second year at the La Follette School, fellows receive a project assistantship (PAship) with a La Follette School faculty member.

The La Follette School can nominate one applicant to receive a University of Wisconsin–Madison Graduate School [Graduate Research Scholars Fellowship](#) (GRS, formerly AOF) during the admissions cycle. This fellowship is for students in targeted minority groups, non-minority students from long-term educationally disadvantaged backgrounds, and first generation students affiliated with certain programs (i.e. Ronald E. McNair), as determined by the UW-Madison Graduate School Administration based on application data.

La Follette School faculty also occasionally hire project assistants tied to grant funding. The Student Services Office notifies current and incoming students about these positions via email.

The La Follette School Admissions Committee may nominate La Follette School degree applicants for a fellowship, assistantship, or scholarship:

- La Follette School Fellowships are awarded by the La Follette Admissions Committee based on merit competition among two-year La Follette School degree program applicants.
- One year La Follette School assistantships (limited by the number of faculty recipients of annual Kohl Award)
- Limited La Follette School assistantships with faculty who have funding to offer or with campus partners
- La Follette may offer scholarships of various amounts to incoming students based on merit or other qualifications designated by donors. The Admissions Committee reviews each applicant's admission materials to make award decisions.
- Students will be notified if they have been chosen to receive an award at the same time they receive an acceptance letter.

2.1 Authority

The La Follette School Admissions Committee nominates candidates for GRS support, which is administered by the College of Letters and Science, and for La Follette School Fellowships and scholarships. GRS eligibility requirements can be found here:

<https://kb.wisc.edu/grad/page.php?id=33338>.

2.2 La Follette School eligibility requirements

- Only students who expect to enroll full-time in a La Follette School degree program (minimum of 8 credits per semester) are eligible to receive fellowships and assistantships.
- The La Follette Admissions Committee determines the division of fellowship and assistantship awards.
- Students in dual-degree, double-degree or graduate certificate programs must be enrolled full-time and be taking a minimum of six credits that count toward only the La Follette School degree in any semester in which they receive La Follette Fellowship or assistantship support.
- Fellowships and assistantships are awarded in the beginning of the semester, for the period specified in the award letter, and cannot be deferred.
- Continuation into the second semester of a Fellowship or assistantship that is awarded for more than one semester is contingent upon satisfactory progress (maintenance of a 3.0 GPA) toward the La Follette degree and continued full-time enrollment.

2.3 La Follette School fellowship and scholarship award criteria

Initial fellowship awards are based on merit. Criteria that are considered include:

- Undergraduate and graduate GPA
- Undergraduate and graduate institutions attended
- Undergraduate and graduate coursework
- Grades in prerequisite courses suggested for admission
- Letters of recommendation
- Optional GRE scores

- Work and other related experience
- Enrollment in dual- and double-degree programs, and timing of courses in other programs
- Graduate student standing

2.4 La Follette School fellowship and scholarship awards information

- Individual awards vary from person to person.
- Graduate student standing is required to receive an award.
- Awards are made at the same time as admission decisions.
- Fellows pay for their tuition or remainder of tuition at the beginning of each semester. The La Follette Fellowship stipend is paid on a monthly basis.
- Please see the Graduate School knowledgebase website for more information about concurrent appointments at <https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/concurrent-appointments/>.
- Fellows are eligible for health insurance. Fellows pay a monthly co-pay for single or family health insurance.
- Fellows who are out-of-state residents are billed in-state tuition.

2.5 Graduate Assistantships

Three types of assistantships exist for graduate students, including Project Assistantships, Teaching Assistantships, and Research Assistantships. For the University, the title of graduate assistant designates graduate students employed to assist with academic programs or other projects, teaching, training, or research. Assistants are included in a labor agreement between the State of Wisconsin and the Teaching Assistants' Association (TAA). The university provides information about openings and application procedures for assistantships through the UW Job Center to ensure that all interested graduate students are given an opportunity to apply. The La Follette Student Services Offices will also post all assistantship positions that are sent to La Follette staff and faculty. Interested graduate students may follow up on their interests at the department level. Contact the employing department directly for more information. See information from the Graduate School website at <https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/graduate-assistantships/>.

La Follette is granted several Project Assistantships specifically for La Follette graduate students and Teaching Assistantships for some Undergraduate Certificate in Public Policy courses. These positions are generally reserved for second-year students who were awarded La Follette fellowships in their first year. First-year students may be asked to apply in the spring of each year if any project assistantship positions open. The process is administered by the Associate Director of the La Follette School. La Follette does not hire its own graduate students for graduate level Teaching Assistant positions. Students in the first-year of the accelerated program are not eligible for graduate assistantships.

2.6 La Follette Summer Internship Support

Limited funding is available to support out-of-state and out-of-country unpaid or low-paid internships, via the La Follette School Summer Public Affairs Learning Experience Award Program. To be eligible, a student must enroll in 1–3 credits of PA 827 during the summer. Students seeking to graduate in the summer in which they enroll for PA 827 must take the course for 2 credits to meet the Graduate School's graduation requirements. The Career Services Coordinator administers the application and awarding process in the spring term each year. See 10.3 La Follette Internship Support.

2.7 Other Financial Aid

Other support may be awarded in the form of loans or work-study. Such awards are made by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Office of Student Financial Aid. All financial aid questions should be directed to <https://financialaid.wisc.edu/>.

3. Degree Programs

Graduate School and La Follette School program graduation requirements apply to both the MPA and the MIPA degrees. Other requirements are specific to the individual degree program. Accelerated students see 3.4.

3.05 Graduate School Requirements to Graduate

- Graduate registration for a minimum of two graduate-level credits (300-level or above for a grade, no audits, or pass/fail) in the fall, spring or summer you expect your degree.
- Credit requirements for your degree have been met, or will be by the end of the semester, including 16 residence credits.
- Graduate GPA of at least 3.00.
- All incomplete, unreported grade, or progress grades have been cleared. Independent study must be given a grade (not progress) each semester.
- Students receiving a second (or third) master's degree from UW-Madison, and students receiving two master's degrees during the same semester, must submit official lists (on program letterhead and signed by advisors or program chairs) of courses used for each degree to check the 25% overlap rule.
- Requirements must be completed by the appropriate degree deadline.

3.1 La Follette School General Program Requirements

- 42 credits in the degree program are required to graduate
- Core courses are required unless waived by the course teaching faculty member or Associate Director
- 21 credits must be taken in courses numbered at the 700–900 level
- UW Graduate School policy states that graduate credit is not given for courses numbered below 300
- If a student takes a course below 300, the grade will impact a student's GPA but not count toward graduation requirements
- Students must earn an overall GPA of 3.0; if a student's GPA falls below a 3.0, the graduate school will put the student on probation and will place a hold on the student's ability to enroll.
- All students take PA 800, a 1-credit Professional Development Workshop, unless it is waived by the Associate Director. Students with five or more years of full-time professional policy work experience may request to waive this seminar, although students with this level of experience will likely find the workshop beneficial.
- A student cannot graduate with an incomplete or failing grade.

3.15 Master of Public Affairs (MPA)

Core requirements

MPA students earn 19 credits by taking the following six required foundational courses and a one-credit seminar in the sequence shown below:

Fall Year 1

- PA 800 Professional Development Workshop (1 credit)
- PA 818 Introduction to Statistical Methods for Public Policy Analysis
- PA 874 Policy Making Process
- PA 880 Microeconomic Policy Analysis

Spring Year 1

- PA 873 Introduction to Policy Analysis
- PA 878 Introduction to Public Management

Spring Year 2

- PA 869 Workshop in Public Affairs, the capstone course taken in the final semester

MPA Electives

MPA students earn the remaining credits by taking elective courses offered within the La Follette School and across the university. Students plan their electives by choosing from the following options:

- Take elective courses related to a substantive policy focus area from La Follette and across the university, such as education, social, environmental policy, and others
- Take a variety of electives in several policy areas
- Take electives from the La Follette School and across the university to sharpen analytical and management skills
- Add a certificate program, such as the Certificate in Energy Analysis and Policy (offered with the Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies). Courses numbered 300 and above that are required for the certificate count as electives for the MPA and MIPA.
- Students pursuing a dual-degree in Law and Public Affairs (offered with the Law School), in Public Health and Public Affairs (offered with the School of Medicine and Public Health), in Neuroscience and Policy (offered with the Neuroscience Training Program), or a double-degree in Urban Planning and Public Affairs (offered with the Department of Urban and Regional Planning) take courses in other departments that count as electives toward their MPA requirements.

3.2 Master of International Public Affairs (MIPA)

Core requirements

All MIPA students earn 19 credits by taking the following six foundational courses and one-credit seminar in the sequence shown below:

Fall Year 1

- PA 800 Professional Development Workshop (1-credit)
- PA 818 Introduction to Statistical Methods for Public Policy Analysis
- PA 850 International Governance
- PA 880 Microeconomic Policy Analysis

Spring Year 1

- PA 873 Introduction to Policy Analysis
- Choose one: PA 854 Macroeconomic Policy and International Financial Regulation **OR** PA 856 Trade Competition, and Governance in a Global Economy (offered in alternating years)

Spring Year 2

- PA 860 Workshop in International Public Affairs, the capstone course taken in the fourth semester

MIPA Electives

MIPA students earn the additional credits by taking La Follette electives and courses from other departments across the university. Students plan their electives with the following options:

- Take electives within policy areas such as International Business and Government, International Trade and Finance, International Development, and other substantive areas of international public affairs.
- Focus on a policy issue with substantial international content, by clustering together electives that address problems such as the environment, health, social policy, or security.
- Take a variety of electives in several international policy areas.
- Take electives from the La Follette School and across the university to sharpen analytical and management skills.
- Add a certificate program, such as the Certificate in Energy Analysis and Policy (offered with the Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies). Courses required for the certificate count as electives for MIPA.
- Students pursuing a dual-degree in Law and Public Affairs (offered with the Law School), in Public Health and Public Affairs (offered with the School of Medicine and Public Health), in Neuroscience and Policy (offered with the Neuroscience Training Program), or a double-degree in Urban Planning and Public Affairs (offered with the Department of Urban and Regional Planning) take courses in other departments that count as electives toward their MIPA requirements.
- Group electives around a region to get broad expertise in a geographic region. Most often when students take electives outside of public affairs, courses are taken in departments of Economics, Political Science, Agricultural and Applied Economics, Population Health, Language departments, and the Schools of Law and Business.
- In building regional fields, MIPA students take advantage of the university's strong area studies centers and certificate programs in the following areas:
 - African Studies Program: <https://africa.wisc.edu/>

- Center for East Asian Studies: <https://eastasia.wisc.edu/>
- European Studies: <https://europe.wisc.edu/>
- Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies: <https://lacis.wisc.edu/>
- Middle East Studies Program: <https://mideast.wisc.edu/>
- Center for Russian, East Europe, and Central Asia: <https://creeca.wisc.edu/>
- Center for South Asian: <http://southasia.wisc.edu/>
- Center for Southeast Asian Studies: <https://seasia.wisc.edu/>
- Continue their language studies; up to 6 credits of intermediate to advanced language study can be counted toward the MIPA degree. Some elementary language courses numbered below 300 have a graduate course offered above the 300-level. Please ask the department about this. To earn credit, courses must be taken for a grade. MIPA students may earn three credits toward the degree for each four-credit language course; therefore, 6 credits would represent two semesters of language study.

3.25 Accelerated Public Affairs Degrees

Established in 2000, The Accelerated Program is a unique program of the College of Letters and Science and the Graduate School that allows qualified senior year UW-Madison students to enroll in La Follette School of Public Affairs courses. Normally, these courses are not open to undergraduate students; however, Accelerated Program students are deemed able to meet course expectations and thus have applied and been accepted into the program. Undergraduate departments are urged to count the Public Affairs courses in students' fourth year toward their undergraduate major or other requirements, but this is not always the case. Undergraduate departments designate which courses are counted accordingly. Eligible undergraduates at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in a variety of fields and disciplines (International Relations, Political Science, and Economics, for example) can receive a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree after four years of study and a Master of Public Affairs or Master of International Public Affairs after a fifth graduate year.

Students accepted into the accelerated program are able to count 12 credits from their undergraduate degree toward the overall total required, commonly 7-12 La Follette School graduate course credits. They then apply to the Graduate School for the summer term, and are encouraged to complete an internship for credit and potentially an elective. In their graduate year, they must complete at least 24 credits and graduate with the MPA or MIPA.

Newly accepted accelerated students should meet with the Graduate Program Manager to plan for courses and fulfill program requirements, which includes 36 total credits. Accelerated students must complete 19 credits in courses numbered at the 700–900 level. In their graduate year, accelerated students must be full-time.

Accelerated Admissions

There are two stages of application to the La Follette School for the Accelerated Program. First, undergraduates with no more than 18 credits left to finish their undergraduate degree apply to the Accelerated Program by submitting the one page La Follette School Accelerated Program application form and other materials. Then, during their senior year, after having been permitted to take a limited number of La Follette course credits, they must formally apply and be accepted by the La Follette Admissions Committee and the UW Graduate School.

Stage 1: Application for admission to the Accelerated Program must be made directly to the La Follette School after at least five semesters of full-time undergraduate study and no later than Jan 1st prior to intended admission. Admission requirements to the accelerated degree are as follows:

- **Completed Accelerated Degree Program Application.** Available on the La Follette School Accelerated Admissions website: <https://www.lafollette.wisc.edu/admissions/accelerated-admissions>
- **Personal statement of purpose.** Directions available at the website above
- **Two letters of recommendation** from UW-Madison faculty members who are able to speak to the student's readiness from graduate course work
- **University of Wisconsin-Madison transcript** indicating a GPA of 3.6 or higher; some exceptions are made if student has 3.6 or higher in prerequisite courses
- **Resume**
- Completion of MPA or MIPA prerequisite courses
- Expectation of formal application to the La Follette graduate degree program before graduate year

Stage 2: During senior year while the student is taking La Follette courses, accelerated students must formally apply to the UW Graduate School by submitting the following information:

- An on-line application and \$75.00 fee to the UW Graduate School
- The application to the graduate school should be submitted no later than January 1.

The formal admission decision into graduate school will be based on an accelerated student's performance in public affairs and related courses taken during their senior year. Midterm exam information may be used to determine whether an accelerated student will be admitted for the graduate year. Students who do not make satisfactory progress and are therefore not accepted into the MPA/MIPA program will retain those Public Affairs courses on their undergraduate record. All courses count toward the undergraduate's GPA and do not count toward the graduate year GPA. A new GPA is tracked in the graduate year of the accelerated student's program.

3.3 Double-, Dual-, Combined, and Joint Degrees

A graduate student who wishes to earn a double-, dual- or joint degree must be admitted to each applicable program. The student must complete the requirements of each program.

Double-Degree

A double-degree is two degrees from two separate graduate majors and can be earned at either the master's or doctoral level. You may apply for an additional major at the time of original application or add a program at any time during your enrollment at UW-Madison. Credits often can count toward more than one program's requirements. The La Follette School and the Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture offer a double-degree. See the Graduate School's Double-Degree guidelines: <https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/double-degrees/>.

Dual-Degree

A dual-degree is the combination of a master's degree under Letters and Science and a degree from a professional school such as the Law School or the School of Medicine and Public Health. La Follette offers a MPA or MIPA and JD, a MPA or MIPA and MPH dual degree, and a MPA or MIPA and NPP dual degree. These programs are detailed below. See the Graduate school's Dual-Degree guidelines: <https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/dual-degrees-graduate-professional/>.

Joint Degree

A joint degree consists of one graduate degree with two majors. You can earn a joint master's or a joint doctorate. Joint degrees are relatively rare. See the Graduate School's guidelines for joint degrees: <https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/joint-degrees/>.

3.35 Dual-Degree Program with the Law School

The La Follette School of Public Affairs and the [UW Law School](#) offer a [dual-degree program](#) leading toward the Master of Public Affairs (MPA) or Master of International Public Affairs (MIPA) and the JD in Law. The dual-degree requires completion of 111 academic credits, of which 75 are Law School credits and 36 are La Follette School credits. A dual-degree is two degrees, one of which is granted by a Graduate School program, the other by a professional school—in this case the Law School. To receive both degrees, students must satisfy Law School requirements, La Follette School requirements, and Graduate School requirements.

Application for admission to the dual degree program requires separate application and admission to the Law School and the La Follette School of Public Affairs. Applicants must meet the admissions requirements of both programs and receive a letter of acceptance from each program separately. Acceptance by one program, even if the applicant declares intent to pursue a dual degree, does not imply acceptance by the other program. Students currently enrolled in the Law School and applying for admission to the La Follette School may submit letters of recommendation previously submitted to the Law School, but must also submit at least one new letter of recommendation from a member of the Law School faculty.

The MPA or MIPA degree may be started after the student's admission to the Law School. Students admitted simultaneously to the Law School and the La Follette School can choose to begin their studies at the Law School or at the La Follette School. They should speak with the Law School Curricular and Academic Advisor about course selection in their first semester to ensure they are in compliance with ABA requirements. Only those La Follette School credits earned within a two-year period preceding the date of admission to the Law School and earned within six years prior to the date of the JD degree may be counted toward satisfaction of JD requirements.

Students must meet degree requirements of both programs, but:

- 15 credits from La Follette School foundational courses in which the dual-degree student has achieved an average of B or higher are applied toward the 90-credit degree when the student has met all requirements for the MPA or MIPA degree. Students applying 15 La Follette School credits toward the JD degree may not apply other credits from outside the Law School toward

this degree. Thus the total number of Law School credits required for students in the dual-degree program is 75.

- 6 credits from Law School courses included in the 75 Law School credits and in which the dual-degree student has achieved an average of 77 or higher are applied toward the 42-credit MPA or MIPA degree when the student has completed at least 30 credits in the Law School
- The capstone course, PA 869 for MPA students or PA 860 for MIPA students, is required of Dual-Degree Law candidates. Students must plan their program to include that course in the spring of their final year of study toward the MPA/MIPA degree.

La Follette School Degree Requirements for JD-MPA and JD-MIPA Students

The La Follette School MPA and MIPA degrees require 42 credits, of which:

- 6 credits are applied from Law School courses; the total number of Public Affairs credits required in the dual degree program is 36.
- 18 core credits, in addition to the 1 credit PA 800: Professional Development are required.
- 17 credits are for elective courses in the student's chosen concentration field. This consists of a cluster of courses, which may include an internship, connected by their relevance to a coherent theme. It is not uncommon for dual-degree students to develop a field broadly defined as Law and Policy that includes many courses offered in the Law School. The 15 concentration field course credits must not include credits for courses already in the 75 Law School course credits toward the JD degree.

Dual-degree students receive the JD degree and the MPA or MIPA degree simultaneously. A student who wishes to receive the JD degree but who has not completed all requirements for the MPA or MIPA degree may count only 6 La Follette School credits toward the JD degree.

Prospective students submit separate applications to the UW-Madison Law School and to the La Follette School. Applicants must meet the admissions requirements of both programs and receive a letter of acceptance from each program separately. Departments can send copies of documents to the other department with a student's permission. Please refer to the [Law School website](#) for admissions requirements and application deadlines for the J.D. program, including:

1. Application fee
2. Application for admission
3. Record of Residence form
4. Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score
5. Credential Assembly Service (CAS) report, including all college and graduate school transcripts
6. Resume
7. Personal statement
8. Two letters of recommendation

9. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score (international applicants only)
10. Early Decision Agreement (Early Decision applicants only)

3.4 Dual-Degree Program MPA and Master of Public Health

The La Follette School and the School of Medicine and Public Health's [Master of Public Health Program](#) offer a [dual-degree program](#) leading toward the Master of Public Affairs (MPA) and an MPH. The dual-degree is designed to prepare health policy professionals as policy analysts and public managers in the increasingly important area of health care. Students develop a firm foundation in policy analysis, economic policy and public management offered by La Follette faculty, and substantive knowledge in public health that is offered through the School of Medicine and Public Health. The dual-degree requires 62 credits by allowing students to reduce the total number of credit hours required for both degrees (Each degree separately is 42 credits) and generally 3 years to complete. Dual-degree students complete both their field work experiences through the MPH Applied Practical Experience and the MPA capstone course.

Prospective students submit separate applications to the UW-Madison MPH Program and to the La Follette School. Applicants must meet the admissions requirements of both programs and receive a letter of acceptance from each program separately. Departments can send copies of documents to the other department with a student's permission. Please refer to the [MPH website](#) for admissions requirements and application deadlines for the MPH program, including:

- A bachelor's degree (BA or BS) from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or concurrent enrollment in a graduate or professional degree program is required. Transcripts from all college and graduate work must be submitted. An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher is expected.
- At minimum, candidates must have successfully completed at least one semester of college-level mathematics that includes algebra and/or calculus (equivalent to MATH 112 at UW-Madison) or college-level statistics (STATS 201). In addition, candidates must have taken at least one semester of college-level biology, chemistry or physics.
- As required by our accreditation through CEPH, all students must meet one of the following criteria to fulfill the Foundational Knowledge requirement:
 - A bachelor's degree in public health from a U.S. accredited institution
 - Successful completion of UW-Madison undergrad course POP HLTH 370 Public Health: Local to Global Perspectives
 - Successful completion of the Public Health Foundational Knowledge Course. Incoming students who do not meet either of the above requirements will be required to take the MPH Program's free, online Foundational Knowledge course the summer prior to matriculating into the MPH Program.
- Please note: GRE or other standardized tests are not required for admission to the MPH Program, and if submitted will not be considered by the MPH Admissions Committee
- Transcripts from all previous undergraduate and graduate studies
- Public health experience is highly recommended
- Applicants whose native language is not English must submit TOEFL results

- An official evaluation report from a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) member organization if post-secondary education occurred outside of the United States.

A current MPA or MPH student can apply for the other program during his or her first year of graduate school. Students can request that copies of application materials be sent to the second program.

3.45 Combined Degree in Neuroscience and Public Affairs

The La Follette School and the [Neuroscience Training Program](#) offer a combined degree program in [Neuroscience and Public Policy](#) leading toward the Master of Public Affairs (MPA) or Master of International Public Affairs (MIPA) and a Ph.D. in Neuroscience. At the time of original application to the Graduate School, applicants can apply to both the La Follette School and the Neuroscience Training Program. Materials submitted through the UW-Madison Graduate School online application will be visible to both programs. Applicants must meet the admissions requirements of both programs and receive a letter of acceptance from each program separately. Acceptance by one program, even if the applicant declares intent to pursue the dual-degree, does not imply acceptance by the other program. Currently enrolled students may request to add the second program during their first year of study. They are advised to inquire about the timeline for admission decisions by that program. To request to add a program is the same as applying to the second program when already admitted to one program at the UW.

3.5 Double-Degree Program with the Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture

The La Follette School of Public Affairs and the [Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture](#) offer a double-degree program in [Urban Planning and Public Affairs](#), leading toward the Master of Public Affairs (MPA) or Master of International Public Affairs (MIPA) and the Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning. The program requires a total of 72 graduate credits and requires three years of full-time study to complete.

One application to the Graduate School can be used to apply to both the La Follette School and the Urban and Regional Planning program. At the time of original application to the Graduate School, applicants can indicate that they are applying to both programs. Materials submitted to the UW Graduate School will be visible to both programs. Original transcripts can be shared between the programs with permission from the applicant. Applicants must meet the admissions requirements of both programs and receive a letter of acceptance from each program separately. Acceptance by one program, even if the applicant declares intent to pursue the double-degree, does not imply acceptance by the other program. Students may request to add the second program after commencing coursework at UW. It is ideal to do so during their first year of study at the La Follette School. In applying for the second program, currently enrolled students should inquire about the timeline for admission decisions by that program.

Master of Public Affairs (MPA) and Master of International Public Affairs (MIPA) and Master of Science in Urban Planning degree students must complete all La Follette required foundational and core courses. The 25% rule permits 9 credits to count toward degree requirements in each program. La Follette School students will also have additional electives to complete.

In general, students in the double-degree program are expected to complete core requirements for both programs by the end of their second year. This permits coursework in year three to focus on one of the five Urban and Regional Planning areas of concentration: land use, housing and growth management, economic and fiscal planning, social planning, generalist planning, or resources and environmental planning.

3.55 Graduate Certificate Programs

There are several graduate certificate programs that La Follette Students embark upon. Many choose to do the Certificate in Energy, Analysis and Policy offered through the Gaylord Nelson Institute and the Wisconsin Energy Institute, as well as the Certificate in Business, Environment, and Social Responsibility, the Certificate in Entrepreneurship, and the Certificate in Strategic Planning offered through the Wisconsin School of Business. All graduate certificates may be completed while satisfying requirements for the Master of Public Affairs or Master of International Public Affairs degree. Certificate requirements satisfy La Follette School MPA or MIPA elective requirements. Certificate requirements must be completed during the time the MPA or MIPA degree, double or dual degree are being completed. Additional semesters to complete certificate requirements are not permitted. Students pursuing certificates are encouraged to determine when required courses are offered so that they can take them in the appropriate semester.

The [Certificate in Energy Analysis and Policy](#) is a 13 credit master's level curriculum available only through specific academic departments, including the La Follette School. A student may seek admission to the EAP after admission to the La Follette School by completing the application on the EAP website. EAP offers limited funding.

Students must complete the foundational and track requirements, where relevant, in the MPA or MIPA curriculum. EAP students who complete the EAP capstone do not have to take the La Follette Capstone course PA 869 or PA 860.

The University of Wisconsin Business School welcomes graduate students from all disciplines to pursue one of three business certificates that fit well with public policy. The three unique [Business and Public Policy](#) certificate options permit an MPA or MIPA student to use the business courses as electives which count toward the 42 credit graduation requirement. All three certificates require 12 credits, with 6 credits coming from required coursework and 6 credits coming from certificate elective options.

Learn about all Graduate Major and Certificate options by reviewing [the Graduate Guide](#).

4. Course Enrollment (See also [Graduate School Enrollment Requirements](#))

4.1. Enrolling in Courses

Students can find enrollment instructions, tutorials, and information on the websites below. If there are additional questions, please contact the Student Services Associate or the Graduate Program Manager.

- La Follette School Enrollment Information including course grids and electives information: <https://lafollette.wisc.edu/students/advising>
- Dates and Deadlines: <https://registrar.wisc.edu/dates/>
- Graduate Guide: <http://guide.wisc.edu/>

- Course Search and Enroll App: <https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-search-enroll/>
- Enrollment help: <https://registrar.wisc.edu/enrollhelp/>

4.2 Enrolling for courses in other departments

Courses from other departments at the 300 level or above can be counted toward your credit total provided the class is relevant to your degree. **You must meet the prerequisites for a course in order to enroll.** Elective courses outside the La Follette School might address a specific policy area or skill that you would like to learn about. Other courses will provide more depth in an area that you are interested in—such as methodology, statistical analysis and econometrics. For electives outside of La Follette, you may need permission from the professor or department. [Here is a link](#) to a list of contacts in other departments who you may need to contact in order to receive permission to enroll in a course.

Once you have gathered information about classes, this is a good time to reach out to your advisor to help you narrow the list. If you would like to confirm that a course will count toward your electives and it is not listed here, please send an email to Mo O'Connor at mcoconnor@wisc.edu with the course title and description to request approval. It is not uncommon for departments to add new courses or cancel courses, so the most up to date information will always be found in the [Course Search and Enroll](#).

4.3 Enrollment in Law School Courses

To enroll in a Law School course a student should contact the professor first. Some Law School faculty members ask that students fill out a form at the Law School and submit the form to the schedule of classes' administrator. The Law School contact for enrolling in courses is Lauren Devine, 608-262-8564.

4.4 Credit Overloads

La Follette students are generally encouraged to enroll for a maximum of 13 graduate-level credits during the fall or spring term, and up to 8 graduate-level credits during the eight-week summer session. The Graduate School allows students to enroll for 15 credits during the semester and 12 during the summer. An overload request form is required if a student wishes to take more than 15 credits. The Graduate School counts all credits in determining maximum credit loads. Even though pass/fail courses, audit courses, and 100- or 200-level courses are not considered graduate-level credits, they are counted in the total credit load.

To enroll for more than the maximum credit load, review the Overload Policy and complete a Credit Overload Request form found at <https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/overloads/>. The form must be given to the Graduate Program Manager and signed by the student's faculty advisor or the Director of the La Follette School. It will be sent to the Graduate School Office of Admissions and Academic Services, 217 Bascom Hall, for consideration. The Graduate School will look closely at the rationale for the request. If the Graduate School approves the overload, the student and the Graduate Program Manager are contacted by email, and the student then completes enrollment for the course if approved.

4.5 Pass/Fail

Pass/fail courses do not count for major or minor course credit, nor are they counted toward the Graduate School's minimum credit requirement or considered in the minimum or maximum credit load per term. For these reasons, very few graduate students choose pass/fail for graduate-level courses (300

and above). Seminars, independent study, and research are not appropriate for pass/fail. “S” (satisfactory) or “U” (unsatisfactory) are considered grades. See graduate school guidelines about Pass/Fail: <https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/pass-fail/>.

Please note that the enrollment system counts all credits in determining maximum credit loads. See 4.4 Course Overloads.

Always consult the Dates and Deadlines on the Registrar’s website for important deadlines: <https://registrar.wisc.edu/dates/>.

4.6 Auditing Courses

Audited courses do not count toward graduation requirements but do count toward credit total. Please see the Graduate School audit webpage for details: <https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/auditing-courses/>. Audits are not free; a course taken for audit costs the same as a course taken for credit. If students are not paying full-time fees, they will be assessed per-credit fees for an audit course.

To audit a course, the student must follow the procedures established in the program offering the course. Typically, the first step is for the student to obtain the consent of the instructor. After receiving consent of instructor, the student completes a course change request in MyUW <https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/course-changes/>. The deadline to request/cancel permission to audit is the drop deadline, which is the end of the 9th week of class during the fall and spring semesters. Graduate School Dean’s approval is required for all course changes and the Graduate School Dean will approve or deny the request to audit. Requests for late audits will not be considered. Specific deadline dates, including those for summer sessions, are posted prior to each semester by the Office of the Registrar: <https://registrar.wisc.edu/dates/>.

As an auditor, a student is expected to attend classes on a regular basis as an observer. If a student enrolls for an audit course and does not attend or drop it, they will receive a grade of NR (No Report). Auditors may not take examinations or submit class work. Auditors will receive a final grade of either S (Satisfactory) or NR (No Report). Audited courses carry no degree credits; however, the enrollment system counts all credits in determining maximum credit loads. Even though audit courses are not considered graduate-level credits, an overload form is required if a student’s total credit load exceeds the maximum limit per term.

Please note that the enrollment system counts all credits in determining maximum credit loads. See 4.4 Course Overloads.

Always consult the [Dates and Deadlines](#) on the Registrar’s website for important deadlines.

4.7 Independent Reading (Independent Study)

Students can earn credit for working on an independent research project. Follow the steps at the link below to propose an independent study course. The course can be for 1-3 credits. Detailed steps and more information including examples of past independent study course proposals can be found here: https://lafollette.wisc.edu/images/student_services/Instructions_for_799_Independent_Study_Course_Proposals.pdf

1. Meet with a faculty member to discuss the independent study idea and see if the faculty member is willing to help guide the course.
2. Agree with the faculty member upon times and methods for meeting or checking-in and determine the deliverables for the course.
3. Determine how many credits the course will be based on UW-Madison's [credit hour definition](#) which is below:
 - Institutional policy for what constitutes a credit hour must comply with the federal credit hour definition ([34 CFR 600.2](#))
 - A credit hour is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates not less than:
 - (1) One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out of class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester [...], or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
 - (2) At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.
4. The student is responsible for emailing the Graduate Program Manager and the faculty member with whom they wish to do an independent study. Email the professor and the Graduate Program Manager with the proposal, including all of the information in steps 1-3. Copy the Student Services Associate on the email and they will give you permission to enroll in 799 with the professor.

4.8 Public Affairs Seminar Series (PA 802)

As a professional program, the La Follette School seeks to mix policy-relevant academic research with current policy and program analysis. This course provides a way for students to hear from a variety of La Follette and UW-Madison faculty, visiting scholars from other campuses, and distinguished practitioners. Students may take this class for elective credit for the purposes of counting toward their La Follette School graduation requirements no more than twice, with a maximum total credits allowed of two credits. [See syllabus](#) for details of what is typically required. Grading will be according to Graduate School standards, with grades being S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory).

[PA 802](#) is only offered in the spring semester, but students can attend seminars in the fall and count those toward the overall seminar attendance total during the academic year. Please contact the Graduate Program Manager with questions. Students participate in this class by attending a required number of lectures chosen from one or a mixture of campus seminar series, including:

The La Follette School of Public Affairs Seminar Series, commonly held on Wednesdays 12:30-1:30 PM; plus a few other co-sponsored lectures in other venues at other times.

This is the most diverse option of the seminar series, featuring a mix of visiting, UW and La Follette faculty presenting work related to policy and management, as well as sessions led by students or practitioners. The presentations are either a traditional academic presentation (similar to the other seminar series); policy overviews or policy debates on a particular issue; or a professional development session led by a practitioner or student. More details available at: <https://lafollette.wisc.edu/outreach-public-service/seminar-series>.

The Institute for Research on Poverty Seminar Series, often though not always held on Thursdays at 12:15-1:30 PM; plus a few other co-sponsored lectures.

This seminar series focuses largely on issues related to poverty, inequality, and social policy. A number of La Follette faculty are research affiliates at IRP and often attend these seminars. See <https://www.irp.wisc.edu/events/>.

The Center for Demography and Ecology Seminar Series, often though not always held on Tuesdays from 12:15-1:30 PM.

The research presented here features researchers with interests in sociology and demography, presenting research on health, aging, and many other areas. A number of La Follette faculty are also research affiliates with CDE. Additional information available at <https://cde.wisc.edu/events/demsem/>.

The Neuroscience and Public Policy Seminar Series

The Neuroscience & Public Policy Seminar serves as the focal point for connecting students' training in neuroscience, public affairs and law. It also provides intellectual continuity between the fields throughout the entire period of training. The seminar itself is open to the public and other qualified students are welcome to enroll in the seminar course listed as NTP 660. Students must enroll in this seminar. For details including upcoming times and locations go to <https://npp.wisc.edu/current-seminar-schedule/>.

Other Seminars:

Students may count attendance at other seminar series, as indicated by the PA 802 instructor. Lectures or series run by the School of Education and the School of Social Work are examples.

5. Degree Requirements and Guidelines

5.1 Adding a Program

Graduate students may decide during their public affairs studies to earn an additional master's degree, such as a Master of Social Work, A Master in Environment and Resources or a Master of Urban and Regional Planning. To do so, a student should submit the form Add/Change/Discontinue Program form to the new department found at: <https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/forms/>.

When a student is pursuing two graduate degrees, the graduate school allows for 25% of the credits from the program with a lower amount of credits to count toward both programs. See graduate school guidelines about double-degrees: <https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/double-degrees/>.

International students must contact International Student Services (ISS) to discuss the possible effects this change of major could have on their immigration status. The best and preferred way for students to

contact ISS is through your Terra Dotta portal: <https://terradotta.wisc.edu/>. ISS is located at 217 Armory and Gymnasium (Red Gym), 716 Langdon Street, their phone number is 262-2044, and their website is here: <https://iss.wisc.edu/>. [Stacy Woodward](#) is the ISS advisor who liaises with students and staff in the La Follette School.

5.2 When Degree Requirements Change

Program requirements for a La Follette School degree may change. A student who is admitted to the La Follette School and who continues without a break in subsequent academic semesters (excluding summer sessions) is expected to complete program requirements in effect in the first semester of enrollment. If degree requirements change while a student is working toward the degree, the student may petition to complete the degree under the new requirements. The Associate Director has the authority to grant or deny the request. Students readmitted to the program must meet program requirements in effect at the time of readmission.

Occasionally a new degree or certificate option may be added. Continuing students should not expect to automatically be eligible to pursue the newly added degree/certificates. Entrance requirements will be set by the La Follette Curriculum Committee and may require initial program entry.

5.3 Academic Credits for Prior Work Experience

- A maximum of 6 elective credits may be waived for relevant work experience. If a student receives 6 waived credits for a 42 credit program, they have to complete 36 credits to complete the master's degree program.
- To be eligible for work experience credits, students must establish that they have worked continuously and full-time in a professional policy or public management related employment position for at least five years.
- Students must petition the Associate Director, in writing, to determine whether such credits will be granted.
- If a student is waived from 6 elective credits because of past relevant work experience, they cannot also receive credit for future internships under PA 827 the Administrative Internship course. Please see 10.2 under Career Development for more information on internship credit.

5.4 Course "Transfer" Credits

A maximum of 12 credits from another graduate school may count toward the La Follette School graduation requirements. The number of approved credits will be waived from the total number of required graduation credits. Courses taken outside of the University will not show up on a UW transcript.

To waive credits or requirements, students must petition the Graduate Program Manager, in writing, with copies of syllabi and grades earned, to determine whether such credits can be waived. The decision will be made based on evidence of graduate-level work comparable to that expected in La Follette School courses, when the course was completed, the relevance to current public policy, and academic performance in the course.

6. Making Satisfactory Progress

Satisfactory progress is required in each semester of study for continuation in the graduate program. Failure to maintain satisfactory progress and good standing may result in program termination, restriction on registration or termination of financial assistance.

Continuation in the Graduate School is at the discretion of the student's program, the Graduate School, and the Associate Director and/or Director of the La Follette School. A meeting to discuss academic progress can be called with any members of the students assigned advisors. At that time, a plan of reasonable expectations can be shared, and meeting these may determine whether a student is permitted to continue or not.

These are minimum requirements:

- B/C is the minimum passing grade in all core courses in both degree programs. Required courses in which grades fall below this minimum requirement must be retaken and may be repeated only once. A grade of C is the minimum grade permitted in elective courses that count toward a La Follette School degree.
- Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in each semester of study, including the summer term. Students whose semester GPA falls below this level may be terminated from the program. Students permitted to continue despite a semester GPA below 3.0 are placed on probation and not allowed to enroll in courses until their GPA rises to 3.0 or above; the next fall and spring semester GPA, as well as the overall GPA, must be above 3.0 in order for the student to be removed from probation. Failure to be removed from probation results in termination from the program.
- A grade of "Incomplete," an "I," is considered unsatisfactory, if not removed by the next semester in which the student is enrolled. At the discretion of the instructor and with prior notification to the student, an incomplete grade may be changed to a failure after one year. All grades of Incomplete must be graded or changed to "Permanent Incomplete" before petitioning for the degree warrant.
- In the case of voluntary student withdrawal from the program, when there has been satisfactory progress toward the degree, readmission within one year will be routine.
- Students leaving the program because of failure to meet the terms of their probation, insufficient GPA, or the accumulation of 9 or more credits of incomplete work must provide the Admissions Committee with compelling reasons for readmission.
- Students who expect not to be enrolled for graduate degree credit in any semester should consult with the Graduate Program Manager about their status in the program. The Graduate School requires that a student who does not enroll for even one semester (not including summer) apply for readmission to graduate study. See graduate school information about readmission: <https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/readmission/>

Deployed students returning from active military service do not need to apply for readmission. Please consult with [University Veterans Services](#) and keep the La Follette School Graduate Program Manager apprised of your plans.

7. Leave of Absence

When considering a break in enrollment of one or more terms, a student should contact the Graduate Program Manager. Students should submit a letter detailing when they plan to return and that they have addressed any course plan concerns. International students should check on their visa status through the [Terra Dotta portal](#). ISS is located at 217 Armory and Gymnasium (Red Gym), 716 Langdon Street, their phone number is 262-2044, and their website is here: <https://iss.wisc.edu/>

If a student takes a leave of absence, they have up to five years from the time of departure to complete the degree. If a student returns within 5 years, graduation requirements must be discussed with the Graduate Program Manager in case of changes in the program.

Military Leave: Pursuant to the University of Wisconsin's policy encouraging flexibility with regards to accommodating students serving in the military, the Associate Director will be permitted, with the assent of the relevant instructors, to modify course requirements. In extenuating circumstances, the Associate Director may waive deployed military personnel out of any requirement.

8. Advising and Academic Support

8.1 Academic and Faculty Advising

Students have many advising resources available to them. In addition to this website and the La Follette School's Handbook, there is a [La Follette School Students Canvas course](#) with information on academic advising and support, professional development, UW-Madison resources and opportunities and more. Students can also reference the Graduate School's [website](#) and the Graduate School's [Academic Policies and Procedures](#).

Resources including course listings with syllabi, Graduate School Course catalog links, enrollment forms, and course advising information can be found on the Students page of the La Follette School website: <http://lafollette.wisc.edu/students>. Students will receive regular emails about new courses and campus resources from Student Services staff.

When students still need clarification on issues, they should contact the school's Graduate Program Manager. The Graduate Program Manager serves as the academic advisor to all students.

Students may request individual appointments with the Graduate Program Manager via the Starfish application in the MyUW dashboard. All currently declared students in academic programs offered by the La Follette School of Public Affairs are welcome to schedule an advising appointment.

To add the Starfish app:

1. Login to [MyUW](#)
2. Search for **Starfish**
3. Click **Add to home** for easy access
4. Launch the app. Please click this link for [instructions on how to use Starfish](#).

All students are also assigned a faculty advisor in the beginning of their first semester. Students may view their assigned faculty advisor using the Academic Navigator via MyUW. Students are encouraged to

take the initiative to build a mentoring relationship with their faculty advisor, in addition to other faculty members in the La Follette School. You can meet with faculty during their office hours or set up an appointment by calling or emailing faculty. Their contact information can be found here: <https://lafollette.wisc.edu/faculty-staff/faculty> Faculty advising is focused on scholarly and post-graduation advice. Degree progress and other questions should be directed to the Graduate Program Manager.

Below please see the different ways the Graduate Program Manager and Faculty Advisor might assist students.

Graduate Program Manager	Faculty Advisor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinates annual application/admission process • Advises on graduate program requirements, policies and procedures as determined by the La Follette School of Public Affairs and UW-Madison Graduate School • Assists with all aspects of enrollment and registration • Helps develop individual educational plans and assists students with program timeline information in accordance with campus guidelines and program milestones (core course and credit completion, course grades) • Monitors whether courses meet program requirements • Provides information about adding dual- and double-degrees or graduate certificates • Conducts degree audits • Certifies whether students are making satisfactory progress toward their degree • Serves as the point person for campus policy forms that may be used by other offices • Monitors student compliance with academic policies and procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May address course options or career interests related to their field of scholarship • May help students make strategic decisions about career specialization, including course content in the faculty advisor's area of interest • May have advice about advanced electives that align with a student's post-graduation plans • Provides access to an extensive network on and off campus that can be helpful for academic and career decision-making • May be useful to consult about Project or Teaching Assistant options • May be useful to consult about continuing education after earning a La Follette School degree

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinates process of petitioning for the degree warrant • Collaborates with the Career Services Coordinator to aid students in matching their academic plan with their professional aspirations • Connects students with other campus resources, i.e., the Office of Student Financial Services, International Student Services, University Health Services, specific contacts in the Graduate School, and other student services staff in the La Follette School 	
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8.2 Academic Advisor Assignments

The Graduate Program Manager is assigned to all incoming La Follette School students prior to the beginning of their first fall semester in the program. The Student Center shows this information at: <https://my.wisc.edu>.

8.3 Faculty Advisor Assignments

The Graduate Program Manager assigns faculty advisors to students based on interests indicated in the student application and in the Professional Development Workshop. Attempts are made to ensure a fair distribution of advising responsibilities among faculty. Students may seek advice from any faculty member by arranging a meeting. Students may request a specific advisor or to change advisors at any time.

8.4 Writing Assistance

The Graduate Program Manager will work to connect students whose first language is not English with campus writing resources, if requested.

The [Writing Center](#) is available as a useful resource to all students.

8.5 Technical Assistance

The [La Follette Information Specialist](#) assists students with computer and software needed for La Follette School course work.

9. Professional and Career Development Services

The La Follette School helps students identify and pursue their short-term and long-term career goals by providing professional development resources and career and internship search support. Students can access these services and resources in a number of ways:

- Career and professional development information is found on the La Follette School Career website: <https://lafollette.wisc.edu/career-development>.
- Students will also receive regular email updates announcing news, events, and job and internship opportunities
- Our [Purple](#) (internships) and [Blue](#) (jobs) Google Sheets are updated daily and are a good way to find position postings in a variety of policy areas. Additionally, students are invited to join the [La Follette Career LinkedIn Group](#)
- Students may also email the [Career Services Coordinator](#) to request an in-person or remote/virtual appointment to discuss any professional development related questions. Wednesdays-Fridays students may drop-in at 1416 Sterling Hall without an appointment for brief questions or conversations expected to last approximately 5-10 minutes, with the expectation that the Career Services Coordinator may or may not be available at any particular moment.
- Students are also encouraged to seek networking suggestions and job/internship leads from faculty, staff (e.g., Graduate Program Manager, Associate Director, Outreach Specialists), and alumni.
- International students may also want to work with [International Student Services staff](#) to ensure compliance with visa and other work policies and also make use of [these resources](#) on the La Follette Website.
- Students are expected to read the updates and check the website in order to be aware of agency visits and other important events

9.1 Professional Development Workshop, PA 800

Starting in their first semester, students receive classroom instruction on career planning and success in La Follette's Professional Development Workshop. Part of the degree curriculum, this class teaches students the basics of advanced career and professional skills development, including creation of an Individual Development Plan (IDP); development of a resume and cover letter; interview prep; writing a professional memo; and networking tips and tactics. Students also gain exposure to career paths by connecting with La Follette alumni and through invited guest speakers. The workshop also gives students the opportunity to network with alumni, who often participate as invited speakers, mock interviewers and speed networking partners.

Enrollment in PA 800 during the first semester of study is mandatory for all students except those who have more than five years of full-time, public policy related professional work experience. While waivers can be requested for those fitting the above description, they are highly discouraged. The class not only

provides a unique opportunity to really get to know your cohort peers, but also offers the opportunity for thought and exploration devoted entirely to career development. Those looking to change or advance mid-career will also have something to gain through the course. The insight of experienced professionals may also be valuable to younger students. Students looking to waive the class must communicate with the Associate Director before any such waivers will be considered. See section 5.3.

9.2 Internship and Job Search Assistance

The goal of the La Follette School's [Career Services Coordinator](#) is to teach students about the skills and resources they need to be successful job and internship seekers, not to serve as a placement office. As such, the responsibility for securing a job or internship ultimately resides with the student. The Career Services Coordinator will assist students in this regard while maintaining the student's agency to direct their own internship or career search.

Students are expected to search widely for jobs and internships. This search should include regular perusal of the resources available on the La Follette School Career Development website (noted above in Section 9.0). Agencies and organizations that have hired La Follette School interns in past years and summaries of students' experiences can be found on the LFS Internships Held web page:

<https://lafollette.wisc.edu/career-development/internships/internships-held>.

In addition to sending announcements via email, the school maintains a list of job and internship announcements on web pages exclusively for the use of La Follette students.

- Job announcements are found on the LFS Employment web page: <https://lafollette.wisc.edu/career-development/employment/job-postings>.
- Internships are found on the Internships web page: <https://lafollette.wisc.edu/career-development/internships/postings>.

The University of Wisconsin also uses a recruiting software system known as Handshake. Handshake makes it easy for every UW-Madison student to explore career events, connect to jobs and internships, and even schedule on-campus interviews. More information about Handshake can be found at: <https://careers.wisc.edu/students/career-services-for-graduate-students/> (scroll down to the middle of the page).

Career resources outside LFS: 1) SuccessWorks. Though largely focused on serving undergraduates SW has a variety of useful resources on their website: <https://successworks.wisc.edu/> 2) the Graduate School Professional Development web page: <https://grad.wisc.edu/professional-development/>.

Students are also encouraged to share any information they come across about internships and jobs that might be of interest to other students with the Career Services Coordinator. The Career Services Coordinator can assist students with all aspects of the job search.

9.3 Employer Relations

La Follette hosts information and recruitment sessions with a variety of employers throughout the year; some on our own, and others in partnership with such entities as NASPAA, GCRC, The Volcker Alliance and other campus career offices. The school will work to schedule these sessions to accommodate student schedules and will provide students with enough notice to plan accordingly. Employer information sessions and career events will be posted to the [Career Development Events](#) section of our

website with a link to reserve your spot. They will also be announced via our daily email digest and in the “This Week at La Follette” email. They may also be posted to Handshake, and in the Career LinkedIn Group. Remember, it is important to continue one’s own search for opportunities beyond these sessions and events. The Career Services Coordinator can assist you in identifying web based sources and other materials that may be of help in your own search and will also regularly share webinars that may be of interest in the daily digest and/or to the LinkedIn Group. Students are encouraged to look at other schools and departments on campus and nationwide to identify additional recruitment opportunities that might be useful and to share that information with the Coordinator and fellow students.

9.4 Alumni Connections

La Follette School alumni are excellent resources for internships, jobs and knowledge about various organizations that may be of interest. Students will have opportunities to meet and work with alumni during their program of study. The La Follette School has a strong alumni network composed of graduates who have expressed an interest in connecting with La Follette School students. The Career Services Coordinator can put students in touch with La Follette alums. Other ideas for working with La Follette alumni can be found here: <https://lafollette.wisc.edu/alumni-friends/alumni-connections-2021>

10. Internships

La Follette students are encouraged, although not required, to obtain professional policy-related work experience during the course of their degree programs. Students are encouraged to seek paid or unpaid internships in any organization that offers significant experience with a government policy or program. La Follette School students have [interned](#) throughout the United States, as well as overseas, at all levels of government, in non-profit agencies, and in the private sector. Internships are expected to give students the opportunity to apply skills and insights gained in their academic coursework to the issues and projects on which they work in the internship.

As described below, students may receive up to three graduate course credits by enrolling in [PA 827: Administrative Internship](#). Enrollment for course credit may be during the fall, spring, or summer terms, and *must be approved by the Career Services Coordinator*. Students assume responsibility for any travel and housing arrangements associated with an internship that requires relocation. Students traveling abroad for internships should consult the UW Madison International Safety and Security site: <https://internationaltravel.wisc.edu/> and UW Health and Safety Procedures: <https://internationaltravel.wisc.edu/policy-procedure/>.

10.1 Finding an Internship

The search for appropriate [internships](#) involves effort on the part of students, the Career Services Coordinator and faculty. Students perform research to identify opportunities of special interest; the Career Services Coordinator advises students about desirable opportunities and assists them in preparing to pursue these opportunities; faculty may also suggest agencies in which opportunities are known to exist. The Career Services Coordinator and faculty initiate contacts with organizations on behalf of La Follette School students interested in internships and are regularly contacted by agencies and other employers offering internships.

10.2 Internship Credit

Students who wish to receive academic credit for their internship must discuss this with the Career Services Coordinator.

Students may enroll for 1 to 3 credits in any given semester, but only a *maximum* of 3 internship credits will be counted toward a La Follette School degree. A maximum of 6 credits may be given for a combination of prior work experience and internship during the program of study. Students receiving 6 credits for prior work experience are not eligible for internship credit, although they are still encouraged to seek non-credit positions for career experience. See Section 5.3, Academic Credits for Prior Work Experience.

Criteria Used for Academic Credit Approval

With approval from the Career Services Coordinator, students may enroll for 1 to 3 credits of PA 827, meeting the following minimum work hour guidelines:

- 3 credits-minimum of 320 hours over at least 8 weeks
- 2 credits-minimum of 240 hours over at least 6 weeks
- 1 credit-minimum of 160 hours over at least 4 weeks

Approval of a position for academic credit is also based on a number of additional criteria, such as: the student's satisfactory academic progress, type of organization, project and tasks performed in the position as specified in an agreement with the supervisor, and the relationship of the internship to the student's degree program and field.

Many organizations advertise "*internship*" positions. Students are encouraged to explore these opportunities but to be aware that some positions may or may not meet the La Follette School requirements for internship credit. *Awarding credit for work is entirely a La Follette School decision.* Such credit *may be given* to positions not labeled "internships" by the employing organization, and credit *may be denied* to positions that are labeled "internships."

Students should enroll in PA 827 by the add deadline in the semester in which their internship qualifies for academic credit. Two-term internships may be approved; in this case, students should enroll in PA 827 during their second term of employment. Requests for internship on a retroactive basis are approved only under exceptional circumstances, not simply missing the course add deadline. When retroactive credit is approved, some substantial, new, independent work must be performed during the semester in which the credit is earned, in addition to the regularly required internship paper. This may involve presentations in seminars or lunch and learn discussions, or additional research on a topic related to the internship.

Procedure Used for Academic Credit Approval

Once an internship has been secured and the student knows they wish to enroll in PA 827. The student must complete the [PA 827 Administrative Internship Agreement form](#). This agreement must be signed by the student and internship supervisor. The purpose of the agreement is to:

1. Allow the Career Services Coordinator to evaluate the appropriateness of the internship for academic credit; and

2. Afford the student a certain degree of assurance, from the employer and in writing, that they will be involved in substantive and challenging work
3. Students are expected to approach internship supervisors with a copy of their signed agreement should the work of the internship fail to meet the agreed to expectations
4. Students may not enroll in the course until receiving permission from the Career Coordinator. Until permission is granted, the course will not permit enrollment

At the conclusion of the internship, students must complete a public summary of the internship experience (250 words). This summary is for a public audience and will be posted on the La Follette School website as an example of a student internship experience. Student names will not be attached.

PA 827 is graded on an “S” (satisfactory) or “U” (unsatisfactory) basis. As the La Follette School must record a grade at the end of the fall or spring semester, or summer session, an “incomplete” will appear on the students’ record until receipt of the paper.

Steps for Students Seeking an Internship

If you wish to enroll in the course and receive credit for your internship, please follow the steps below:

1. Accept an internship offer. You can find many [internship postings](#) on La Follette’s website
2. Before the start of the internship, fill out the [Internship Agreement form](#), and provide the La Follette Career Services Coordinator with a copy
3. The Career Services Coordinator will review your form and, if it is approved, will notify you and the La Follette Student Services Associate, who will give you permission to enroll in the course
4. Determine the appropriate number of credits in which to enroll for [PA 827: Administrative Internship](#) by consulting the table above in section 10.2
5. Enroll through the Student Center by the add deadline

Paper Guidelines

The purpose of the internship paper is to allow a student to reflect on their internship experience, as well as to apply their theoretical and course-based knowledge to the internship responsibilities. Course requirements are in the syllabus on the Canvas website.

Performance Expectations

Internships are professional placements in which students are expected to act professionally and meet the expectations of the employing agency. Although these positions may be contracted on a semester or summer basis, students must be aware that the employer may request -- as may any employer -- termination for unsatisfactory performance. Internship credit may also be withheld if the student’s work for the placement is found to be unsatisfactory. We will solicit feedback from the internship supervisor as needed or desired via an online survey when grades are due.

10.3 La Follette School Summer Internship Support

The La Follette School Summer Public Affairs Learning Experience (SPLE) Award Program encourages students to strengthen their career preparedness and broaden their opportunities by actively seeking rewarding and prestigious internships in federal government agencies, international organizations, or non-governmental organizations when these internships offer little or no salary compensation. The support is intended to defray some, but not all, of the higher costs of investing in these sorts of internship experiences in Washington, D. C., New York City, other major metropolitan centers in the United States, and foreign countries. Summer internship support funds are limited. We encourage students to invest in the most suitable experience to advance their career goals, even if they are not selected for an award. Application for the SPLE will be announced in the spring semester of every year.

Awards

To receive internship support, students must enroll in, and pay tuition for, PA 827, the Administrative Internship course. Interns receiving no salary compensation and those whose internships are located in a foreign country or major U.S. metropolitan area outside of Wisconsin and its neighboring states are given priority for awards. The availability of and demand for funds may vary from year to year; thus, the number and size of awards may also vary. Students should not condition internship acceptance on award availability.

A few more important policies to consider in submitting funding support applications:

1. Students who hold PA, RA, or TA positions in the spring semester are eligible for full tuition remission during the summer. Students with tuition remission must still pay segregated fees associated with the number of credits taken. Full tuition coverage does not preclude students from requesting support.
2. Summer support does not come with tuition or health insurance benefits. Out-of-state or in-state tuition will be assessed based on the student's tuition status.
3. Students seeking to graduate in summer must carry a minimum of 2 graduate credits and must be taken for a grade, **not** for audit. See graduate school information about [graduation](#).

Eligibility and Application

Full-Time students are eligible for summer internship support in the summer between their first and second year of study in the MPA or MIPA program. Part-time students are eligible for summer funding as long as they are returning to La Follette to take courses during the following academic year. The Career Services Coordinator will put out a call for applications to the award program via email to all students early in the spring semester. Students are responsible for submitting on time the necessary information required for consideration.

Students may receive no more than 3 credits for internships; thus, if a student has already received 3 credits for PA 827, they are not eligible for summer support.

To encourage students to actively search and conscientiously prepare applications for internships, the first deadline for summer internship support is in March. Subsequent deadlines will be determined and communicated by the Career Services Coordinator. Students are encouraged to discuss their application

with the Career Services Coordinator before submitting it. Please note: Some competitive summer internships may have early application deadlines (e.g. October or November) - especially in the private sector. If you secure a summer internship long before the SPLE application opens, you are still encouraged to apply.

11. Supplemental Travel Funding

Limited funding is available on a case-by-case basis for travel opportunities that add value to a student's educational experience. Examples may include, but are not limited to, presenting at a conference or participating in a policy analysis contest. Funding cannot be requested for travel to interviews or for simply attending a conference for professional development purposes. Students should contact the Graduate Program Manager with questions and should submit proposals to the Associate Director, who will make final funding decisions. The Supplemental Travel Funding form can be [found here](#).

12. McBurney Disability Resource Center (support services for students with disabilities)

Students who need testing or class accommodations must sign up with the McBurney Disability Resource Center in the beginning of the semester. The bulleted information below will direct you to where to continue reading based on your current student status or your disability status. If you have questions about any step in the process, please don't hesitate to contact the McBurney Center at [Contact Us](#).

McBurney Connect provides online access for students, instructors, and notetakers to apply for, request and manage student disability-related accommodations. Additionally, departments can request and manage departmental sign language interpreting and on-site CART captioning requests

Three Steps to Apply for Classroom Accommodations

1. **Complete the McBurney Connect Student Online Application**
 - Complete the [McBurney Connect Online Student Application](#) as early as possible
 - A UW-Madison NetID is required ([information on activating your NetID](#))
 - If you have not yet applied to UW-Madison and have questions about accommodations, email [McBurney Center Transition Services](#)
 - If you already have [documentation](#), you can upload it as part of the application
2. **Schedule and Participate in an Intake Appointment (In-Person, Phone, or Video Conference)**
 - You will receive an email from your assigned Accommodation Specialist. (Please contact McBurney if you do not receive an email within 5 business days of submitting the online application.)
 - The intake appointment is an initial conversation with your Accommodation Specialist in-person, by phone, or by video-conference about your accommodation requests, accommodation history, and the impact of your condition(s)
3. **Start Gathering and Submitting Documentation of your Disability(ies)**

- Submit any relevant disability-related documentation that you have on hand (e.g., IEP or 504 plan, etc.)
- Work on getting copies of the necessary documentation listed in the chart below available at [Apply for Accommodations](#)
- If no formal diagnosis, see [Undiagnosed Students info](#)

Current UW-Madison Students with Temporary Impairments: See [Temporary Conditions](#) for resources that may meet your accommodation needs. Students who have questions about the information in the website above are encouraged to complete a [student application](#). If a student has an emergency situation, please contact the McBurney Center and ask to speak with one of the Transition Services staff.

Returning Students Who Have Previously Used McBurney Services: Please contact your Accommodations Specialist to determine what is needed to reactivate services.

13. Graduation

13.1 Petitioning for the Degree

During the fall of a student's 2nd year, students must complete a survey sent by the Graduate Program Manager, indicating their intended date of graduation. By doing so, the student is putting in writing their intention to graduate. Students should also [apply for graduation](#) through their UW portal to get University graduation information.

Prior to petitioning for the degree, students will be asked to submit responses in a Qualtrics survey indicating their intention to graduate in the fall, spring, or summer term, and checking that they have met requirements necessary to graduate. They are highly encouraged to contact the Graduate Program Manager within the first four weeks of their next to last semester of coursework to verify that all requirements have been met. See [Completing Your Master's Degree](#).

13.2 Clara Penniman Graduation Award

[The Clara Penniman Award](#) recognizes a La Follette School graduating student for an outstanding paper in public affairs and is awarded at graduation. In spring, a call is sent out to La Follette School faculty members asking for nominations of student papers written during the student's graduate career for consideration and decision by the Graduate Committee. Students are encouraged to bring papers that they feel are eligible for the award to the attention of the Associate Director. The supervising faculty member must write a supporting statement. The award is presented at graduation, but may be won for a paper completed during a student's first year in the graduate degree program. The paper may be jointly written by up to two students in the graduating class. Names of Clara Penniman Award winners are engraved on a plaque displayed on the first floor of the La Follette School. The award was established in 1984 in her honor when Professor Clara Penniman retired from the UW Political Science Department. Professor Penniman had a distinguished career of service and teaching at the University, including Director of the Center for the Study of Public Policy and Administration, a center that later developed into the La Follette School of Public Affairs, in part because of her long-term advocacy for a public policy institute separate from any single department or discipline. As a teacher and scholar, Clara was most known for her work in tax administration, serving for a period of time in the Wisconsin

Department of Revenue, an illustration of the link between academic work and public policy implementation.

13.3 Director's Award

[The Director's Award](#) was established upon the end of Professor Robert Haveman's term as Director of the then La Follette Institute of Public Affairs (1988-1991) to be awarded to the student in each year's graduating class with the most outstanding academic record not only in terms of academic performance in their public affairs program, but also as a thinker, leader and writer in public affairs. The award is presented at the La Follette School's graduation program.

13.4 The Piore Prize for Best Paper in Science and Public Policy

Named for Emanuel R. Piore and Nora Kahn Piore, [the Piore prize](#) was awarded for the first time in 2009 to recognize the best student paper in the area of science and public policy. Dr. Emanuel R. Piore was a research physicist who marshaled federal dollars for scientific research and helped IBM develop a new generation of digital computers. Nora Kahn Piore was a New York economist and health policy expert. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa in Economics in 1933 from the University of Wisconsin, where she received an M.A. in Economics a year later.

14. Academic Appeals

All academic appeals must be submitted in writing to the Associate Director. Appeals must explain the basis of the appeal and provide information, and, if necessary, documentation supporting the appeal. The Associate Director is responsible for the administration of appeals, including forwarding them to appropriate appeals bodies and notifying students of outcomes. If the Associate Director, in consultation with the Graduate Program Manager, rules that an appeal is entirely without merit, the appeal may be denied without forwarding it to an appeals body or the Director of the La Follette School.

Applicants may appeal decisions on admissions and readmission directly to the Graduate Program Manager, who, with the Associate Director, is responsible for reviewing the decision in consultation with the Admissions Committee. Applicants may appeal decisions about fellowship awards to the Graduate Program Manager.

Students may appeal to the Graduate Program Manager and consult with the Associate Director regarding program and credit decisions. This includes decisions on completing core, program, and elective requirements; decisions on transfer, experience, and internship credits; and decisions affecting dual- or double-degree programs.

15. Academic and Nonacademic Misconduct Guidelines

The La Follette School adheres to the University of Wisconsin-Madison non academic guidelines. These guidelines and resources can be found on the website of the [Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards](#).

16. Grievance Process

If a student feels unfairly treated or aggrieved by faculty, staff, or another student, the La Follette School offers several venues for resolving the conflict. Student concerns about unfair treatment are best handled directly with the person responsible for the objectionable action. If the student is

uncomfortable making direct contact with the individual(s) involved, the student should contact the La Follette School's Graduate Program Manager or Associate Director.

See Graduate School information about [Grievances and Appeals](#).

17. Bias Reporting Form

The University of Wisconsin-Madison is committed to creating a safe and supportive environment for all people. The institution values a diverse community where all members are able to fully participate in the Wisconsin Experience. As [Chapter 17 of the UW System code](#) states, the university can accomplish its educational mission only if living and learning environments are safe and free from violence, harassment and intimidation.

Incidents of bias or hate affecting a person or group negatively impact the quality of the Wisconsin Experience for community members. UW-Madison takes such incidents seriously and will respond appropriately to reported or observed incidents of bias or hate.

Examples of bias and hate include, but are not limited to: microaggressions, slurs, degrading language, epithets, graffiti, vandalism, intimidation, symbols, assault, harassment.

UW-Madison encourages members of the campus community to report bias or hate using the online [Bias Incident Reporting Form](#).

Details about the reporting process, how it works, support for those who experience bias or hate, and FAQ can be found on the [Dean of Students Report Bias or Hate web page](#).

18. The La Follette School of Public Affairs Office Building

The La Follette School is located at 1225 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706. Our first-floor offices open at 8:15 a.m. and close for the day at 5 p.m.

18.1 Scanning Documents

Students may ask the main office staff to help with scanning documents or using the school copier when needed.

18.2 La Follette School Student Lounge

The La Follette School Student Lounge, located on the lower level of the La Follette School Building, is a place where students are free to interact, socialize, and use the computers. It is important for students to understand the purpose of the lounge and recognize that the lounge may not be especially conducive to quiet studying. Hours are 8:15 am to 5 pm.

18.3 La Follette Graduate Student Office in Sewell Social Sciences Building

There is a study/meeting area equipped with computers and a conference phone for La Follette students in the Sewell Social Science Building, Room 7413. La Follette students use their student ID's to enter the locked room. The building is open from 7 am to 10 pm. Students may not use equipment or supplies of the Economics department.

18.4 After-Hours Building Use

No keys will be issued for after-hours use. Students must arrive before 5 p.m. to have access after-hours. Students must agree to accept after-hours responsibilities, including ensuring that the door remains locked and blinds closed after 5 p.m. and that doors are locked upon exiting. In addition, the last person in the student lounge is responsible for turning off lights and computers. Students must follow this Student Lounge after-hours policy or risk losing the privilege for all students.

18.5 Food and Beverages

A refrigerator, microwave, and coffee maker are available on the lower level of the La Follette Building, and may be used by students. Food that is left longer than 72 hours may be thrown out without notice.

18.6 Student Use of La Follette Phones & Conference Rooms

Room 7413 in the Sewell Social Sciences Building has a common study space and separate conference room for student use. A conference room and conference phone is also available at the La Follette School Office Building that Follette students may use when used for coursework or job and internship searches. Students should contact the [Administrative Assistant](#) to reserve a space in the La Follette School conference room at the Observatory Hill Office Building or with questions about how to use the conference phone.

Finally, there are some other campus spaces beyond the [UW-Madison Libraries](#) and [Student Unions](#) that may be useful to students:

- Memorial Library has a [Graduate Student Study Space](#) available only to graduate students.
- You may also [reserve study rooms at SuccessWorks](#).

18.7 Overnight Building Use

Staying overnight at the La Follette School is prohibited.

19. Student, Faculty and Staff Communication

- Announcements, messages, and other information from faculty and staff will usually be distributed via “This Week at La Follette” and/or listserv emails. Messages are also posted on the bulletin board inside the front door on the first floor of the La Follette School.
- Faculty and staff will email students using the email registered at MyUW (the address ending in wisc.edu.) Students are responsible for making sure that address is current
- Emails about important academic matters will be sent from the [Graduate Program Manager](#)
- Students must notify the [Student Services Associate](#) of changes in student status, address, or phone number
- Job announcements and job search materials are available from the [Career Services Coordinator](#)
- The Administrator assists with reimbursements, grants, and contract administration.
- The Payroll and Benefits Specialist assists fellows and PAs with payroll and addresses questions about benefits.
- The [Outreach Director](#) provides periodic news announcements of outreach activities in which students are invited to participate.

- The [Associate University Relations Specialist](#) regularly updates the La Follette School website and shares relevant information with all members of the La Follette School.
- The [IT Specialist](#) is available to assist with any tech needs.
- The [Administrative Assistant](#) is the first point of contact at the La Follette School and is a wonderful resource

20. Revision of Policies and Procedures

The La Follette School faculty and staff have authority to promulgate, amend, and revise these policies and procedures.

21. La Follette School of Public Affairs Student Association (LSSA)

[LSSA](#) is a registered student organization with the University of Wisconsin which can also be found on the [Wisconsin Involvement Network](#) website. It is regulated by the [Center for Leadership and Involvement](#) and governed by public affairs students. The group serves students by hosting social events, connecting students to community service opportunities, advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, fundraising for the graduation reception, coordinating the graduation ceremony, maintaining an avenue for student input into the MPA and MIPA programs, and providing current students with a connection to La Follette [alumni](#). The [Graduate Program Manager](#) is the student contact for any issues related to LSSA.

22. Resources for Graduate Students

La Follette School Faculty & Staff: <http://www.lafollette.wisc.edu/facultystaff.html>

ACADEMIC RESOURCES & SKILLS TRAINING

- Academic Calendar for UW-Madison: <https://secfac.wisc.edu/academic-calendar/>
- Academic Offerings at the La Follette School of Public Affairs: <https://lafollette.wisc.edu/academics>
- Certificate Programs offered at UW-Madison: <http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#graduateprofessionalcertificatestext>

CERTIFICATES COMMONLY SELECTED BY LA FOLLETTE SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Energy Analysis and Policy Certificate Information: <https://eap.wisc.edu>
- Wisconsin School of Business Graduate Certificates: <https://wsb.wisc.edu/programs-degrees/certificates>
 - Certificate in Business, Environment and Social Responsibility
 - Certificate in Entrepreneurship
 - Certificate in Strategic Innovation

ESTABLISHED DUAL- & DOUBLE-DEGREES ESTABLISHED WITH LA FOLLETTE SCHOOL PARTNERS

- Law and Public Policy: <http://law.wisc.edu/academics/dualdegree/lafollette.html>
- Master of Public Health and Public Affairs: <https://www.med.wisc.edu/education/master-of-public-health-mph/dual-degree-programs/mpa-mph/>
- Neuroscience and Public Policy: <https://npp.wisc.edu/>

- Urban and Regional Planning: <https://dpla.wisc.edu/academics/graduate-programs/ms-urban-and-regional-planning/double-degrees-certificates/>

Graduate Guide: The Graduate Guide provides an overview of UW–Madison programs that offer graduate degrees, doctoral minors, graduate/professional certificates, and capstone certificates.:

<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/>

Graduate School Academic Policies and Procedures: <https://grad.wisc.edu/academic-policies/>

Grants and Grant Writing Resources for Funding Education, Research and Projects:

<https://www.library.wisc.edu/memorial/collections/grants-information-collection/>

UW-Madison Information Technology: More than 100 IT services are available to UW-Madison faculty, staff and students, including free computer courses to students: <https://it.wisc.edu/>

Institute for Regional and International Studies: <https://iris.wisc.edu/>

International Student Services: <https://iss.wisc.edu/>

McBurney Disability Resource Center: <https://mcburney.wisc.edu/>

Nelson Institute on Environmental Studies: <http://www.nelson.wisc.edu>

Online Training (LinkedIn Learning): The online training service provides access to LinkedIn Learning, a full library of self-study software tutorials available anytime, anywhere.

<https://it.wisc.edu/services/online-training/>

Registrar's Office: Class offerings by semester: <https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-search-enroll/>

Social Science Computing Cooperative: Offers free courses in statistical software:

<http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/sscc/>

Tutoring and Learning Support: Consult with the La Follette School Graduate Program Manager before exploring the options below:

- Campus: <https://guts.wisc.edu/>
- Economics: <https://econ.wisc.edu/undergraduate/tutors/>
- Statistics (contact the Graduate Coordinator): <https://www.stat.wisc.edu/contact>

The Writing Center: <https://writing.wisc.edu/>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

La Follette School

- Employment: <http://www.lafollette.wisc.edu/career-development/employment>
- Internships: <https://www.lafollette.wisc.edu/career-development/internships>
- Professional Development: Includes resume and cover letter guidance, career statistics, regional and national organizations, job search resources, application material models and guidelines, interviewing preparation and follow-up information, and general etiquette suggestions <http://www.lafollette.wisc.edu/career-development/resources>

Graduate School Professional Development Office:

- Assists with skill-building for academic success, professional growth and goal-setting <https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/>
- **Beyond Graduate School:** <https://institutions.beyondgradschool.com/> (resources for Masters students. Requires Net ID login)

Handshake is UW- Madison's primary recruitment and career event management tool. Many campus events also utilize it for event RSVPs <https://careers.wisc.edu/handshake/>

International Internship Program (IIP) Internship Database (IIP only works with undergrads, but you can still review their resources) <https://internships.international.wisc.edu/>

Student Jobs - Assistantships and campus jobs <https://jobcenter.wisc.edu/>

SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science is the central career office for the College of Letters & Science. Located at 711 State Street, 3rd floor (in the University Bookstore building). They work predominantly with undergraduates, but can assist any student in L&S <https://successworks.wisc.edu/>

- The Career Closet - Students may take up to four items of professional clothing per semester to keep <https://successworks.wisc.edu/tips-search-tools/career-closet/>
- Career and Internship Advising (primarily for undergraduates): <https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-are-career-communities/>
- Reserve Chat Rooms (for remote employer interviews): 608-262-3921

STUDENT LIFE

Bus System: Madison Metro: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/routes-schedules/full-service-chart>

Counseling Services offered through University Health Services: <https://www.uhs.wisc.edu/mental-health/>

Diversity & Inclusion Information on the La Follette School Website: <https://lafollette.wisc.edu/about/diversity-inclusion>

Funding & Financial Information on the La Follette School Website: <https://lafollette.wisc.edu/admissions/funding-financial-information>

Gender & Sexuality Campus Center: <https://lgbt.wisc.edu/>

International Student Services: <https://iss.wisc.edu/>

McBurney Disability Resource Center (support services to students with disabilities): <https://mcburney.wisc.edu/>

Multicultural Student Center: <https://msc.wisc.edu/>

Office of Childcare and Family Resources: <https://occfr.wisc.edu/>

Student Life at the La Follette School: <https://www.lafollette.wisc.edu/students/student-life>

Student Life at UW-Madison: <https://students.wisc.edu>

UW-Madison International Travel site: <http://internationaltravel.wisc.edu/>

University Health Services: <https://www.uhs.wisc.edu/>

Veteran Services and Military Assistance Center: <https://veterans.wisc.edu/>