



UNIVERSITY
of VIRGINIA

FRANK BATTEN SCHOOL
of LEADERSHIP *and* PUBLIC POLICY

Bachelor of Arts

Accelerated Master of Public Policy

Minor



At the Batten School, we are committed to developing leaders and generating new knowledge to solve the world's toughest policy challenges.

We know the complex issues of our time demand innovative, collaborative, cross-sector relationships within our walls and beyond. Our multidisciplinary approach to problem-solving and rigorous training in policy research and data analysis reinforces our focus on ethical and resilient leadership, contextual decision-making, real-world experience, and tangible action.

Batten Class of 2019 graduates are in high demand, with 99% of BAs and 96% of MPPs securing a position within six months of graduation, joining government agencies, public interest groups and NGOs, service organizations, and private-sector employers.

Our 40-credit **undergraduate major** centers on how policy decisions are made and how civic leaders contribute to collective problem solving. Through core courses, special topics, and an intensive capstone seminar, the curriculum highlights the political, economic, historical, and social contexts of public policy and exposes

students to the full range of policy issues facing the contemporary world.

The 18-credit **undergraduate minor** complements students' major areas of study with increased policy literacy through instruction in economic, political, historical, and psychological factors in policy design and implementation.



LEAD FROM ANYWHERE

with the Batten School

“We are committed to making Batten the best place in the world for cultivating thoughtful and effective leaders who can transcend diverse and divided communities and provide innovative solutions to some of today’s most pressing problems. Batten’s strength comes from the integration of multiple lenses and perspectives.”

- **Dean Ian H. Solomon**



Our Faculty

Batten’s innovative approach attracts leading scholar-practitioners in political science, psychology, policy history, economics, and law from around the globe, reflecting the drive and research of some of the sharpest minds at work in policy today.

Open to undergraduates from majors outside Batten, the **Accelerated MPP** allows students to earn a bachelor’s and master’s degree in a total of five years. The core curriculum builds a strong foundation in the concepts, methods, and strategies of analysis, while electives provide substantive experience in specific policy areas. A culminating Applied Policy Project challenges students to perform a professional quality study for a real-world client.

Admission to Batten is via competitive application. In a typical year, about 40% of

BA and 70% of Accelerated MPP applicants are offered admission. Students usually **apply Spring 2nd Year for the BA/Minor** (earning 60-credits pre-enrollment) and **Spring 3rd Year for the Accelerated MPP** (earning 90-credits pre-enrollment).

Each program requires the completion of two prerequisite classes, which can be taken at any time prior to enrollment: **ECON 2010 & LPPL 3100 or PSYCH 2600** for the BA/Minor; **ECON 2010 & a calculus-based math** for the Accelerated MPP.

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