



Hobby School of Public Affairs
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES IN PUBLIC POLICY

The Hobby School of Public Affairs offers **six graduate certificates in public policy**, providing professionals from various backgrounds with advanced training and instruction to enhance their careers. The four-course program is rooted in cross-disciplinary study, blending social sciences, quantitative methods, analytical skills and applied research that equips graduates to make a difference across sectors and a range of policy areas.

Gain actionable skills in:

- Advanced Quantitative and Data Analysis
- Ethics and Leadership Training
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Professional Writing and Communications skills
- Policy Design and Analysis

“Without the Hobby School, I would have never identified a career in healthcare or learned how public policy contributes to this complex industry.”

Kimberley Castro, Master of Public Policy '22
Graduate Certificate in Health Care Policy

Program Highlights

- **Flexible program** with required courses offered in the evening and some online. Professionals can earn a graduate certificate in one year and apply the approved courses toward the Master of Public Policy.
- **Interdisciplinary curriculum**, combining political science, economics, computer science, business and statistics.
- Graduate certificates focus on **specializations with practical applications** to provide students with specific skills sets and expertise for professional advancement.
- With diverse disciplinary backgrounds, **faculty members and researchers** provide different perspectives and expertise, whether the focus is on the economy, energy, education, natural disasters, political participation or other relevant public policy matters.
- Join a **comprehensive network** of students and alumni practitioners eager to positively shape our communities, community partner organizations and a university career center dedicated to helping students reach their goals.

Six Graduate Certificates in Public Policy

Become a powerful catalyst for meaningful policy change with targeted coursework.

Public Policy

Offers a fundamental understanding of the necessary tools for effective policy analysis and development, including benefit-cost analysis and multivariate regression

Public Policy and Public Administration

Provides an overview of public policy and public administration, delving into both the administrative and analytical sides of policy

Data Analytics

Introduces research design and the ethics of quantitative policy research through hands-on statistical techniques and data analysis

Energy Policy

An introduction to the design and delivery of energy-related policy, from the exploration of complex issues facing the industry and energy resources to the various dynamics of energy policy

Ethics

An introduction to policy processes with special emphasis on ethical leadership, value claims in policy and applied ethics

Health Care Policy

An evaluation of the impact of policies in health care affecting patients, hospital operations and public health

Alumni Careers

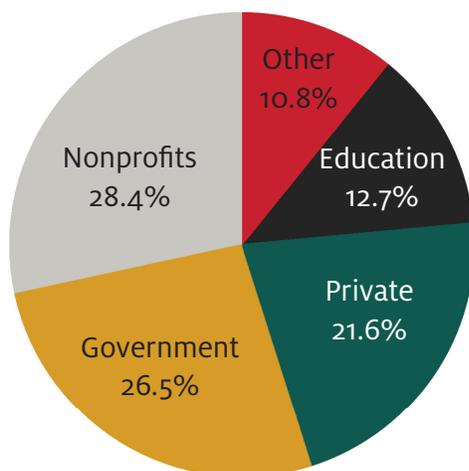
Hobby School alumni lead successful careers across sectors and are making a measurable impact in Texas and nationwide.

88%

were employed within one year of graduation

Nearly **5%**

continued their education after graduation



Application Deadlines

- Fall
 - » Priority: March 1*
 - » International Applicants: May 1
 - » Domestic Applicants: August 1
- Spring
 - » Priority: September 1*
 - » International Applicants: October 1
 - » Domestic Applicants: December 1

*Graduate certificate applicants are not required to submit GRE scores.

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