



Hobby School of Public Affairs  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATES IN PUBLIC POLICY

The Hobby School of Public Affairs offers **seven 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.

# Seven 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

## 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

## Infrastructure Policy and Population Health

Offers an in-depth exploration of how infrastructure policies, including the planning, maintenance, financing and operation, impact public health systems and outcomes

## Data Analytics

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

## 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

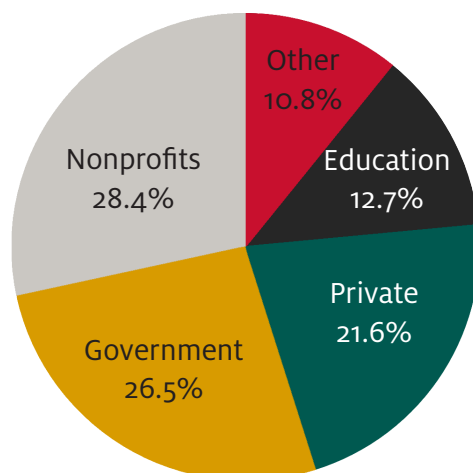
Hobby School alumni lead successful careers across sectors and are making a measurable impact in Texas and nationwide.

**88%**

were employed within one year of graduation

Nearly **5%**

continued their education after graduation



## Application Deadlines

- Fall
  - » Priority: March 1\*
  - » International Applicants: June 15
  - » Domestic Applicants: August 1
- Spring
  - » Priority: October 15\*
  - » International Applicants: November 1
  - » Domestic Applicants: December 1

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

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