

University Senate

Proposed: October 22, 2010
Adopted: October 22, 2010
by voice vote with no dissent

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM LEADING TO
A DUAL MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (M.P.A.) FROM SIPA
AND MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY (M.P.P.)
FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO**

WHEREAS, the School of International and Public Affairs recommends that the University establish a program leading to a Dual Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) from SIPA and Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.) from the Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Tokyo, and

WHEREAS, Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs and the Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Tokyo (GraSPP) have collaborated on student exchanges since 2005 with good results, and

WHEREAS, GraSPP has launched a new program of policy courses taught in English, giving students without Japanese language skills the opportunity to study public policy from internationally renowned faculty at the University of Tokyo, and

WHEREAS, both SIPA and GraSPP students have expressed interest in such a dual degree program, and

WHEREAS, a dual degree program will provide students with the opportunity to pursue internship and long-term professional interests in both Tokyo and New York, and

WHEREAS, no other institutions in the Northeast offer similar programs, and

WHEREAS, the new program will not replace any existing Columbia programs,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate establish the program leading to a dual Master of Public Administration from SIPA and Master of Public Policy from the Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Tokyo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Education Committee shall review the program in five years.

Proponent:

Committee on Education

SIPA MPA / GraSPP MPP

This dual degree proposal pairs the SIPA Master of Public Administration with the Master of Public Policy Program at Tokyo University's Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP). SIPA and GraSPP have collaborated on student exchanges since 2005 and based on positive feedback from students in those programs we now offer the opportunity for students to spend one year of intensive study at each school and receive both Masters degrees in just two years of study. Students complete their core curriculum in the first year at their home institution and complete a concentration during year two at the partner institution. The dual degree program also provides students with the opportunity to pursue internship and long-term professional interests in Tokyo and New York.

This coming fall, in October 2010, GraSPP will launch a new program of policy courses taught in English. SIPA students will now benefit from a considerably broader range of academic courses, giving students without Japanese language skills the opportunity to study public policy from internationally renowned faculty members at the University of Tokyo. With the addition of these course offerings taught in English, the dual degree will be able to attract students of the highest caliber drawn to pursuing policy studies with a regional focus at the most prestigious university in Japan.

SIPA and GraSPP have exchanged students since 2005. This dual degree proposal will replace the exchange program, and allow students to receive degrees from both institutions. It will not replace or duplicate any existing dual degree program at SIPA.

SIPA offers both an MIA and an MPA degree, and as a consequence it is customary for us to submit dual degree proposals on behalf of both programs. Below is a brief summary of the differences between the two programs.

As a general note, students interested in careers that require global context for policymaking and its impact tend to choose programs that award the MIA. This degree grew from our roots as the School of International Affairs, founded at Columbia in 1946. Historically, MIA graduates worked in the private sector, at the United Nations, and at NGOs, as well as at government bodies such as ministries of foreign affairs and security agencies that value MIA's contextual expertise.

The MPA, introduced at SIPA in 1977, is the degree traditionally offered by schools of public administration and management around the world. Students interested in policymaking careers in the public sector tend to choose programs that award the MPA. MPA graduates have typically gravitated towards work in the government and nonprofit sectors.

In terms of curriculum, the differences between the two programs are:

- The MIA includes a foreign language requirement; the MPA does not.
- MIA students take a course called *Conceptual Foundations*, in which they learn the major theoretical frameworks and analytical tools of international affairs and apply them to the most pressing issues of our times; MPAs take a course called *Politics of Policymaking*, in which they study data-driven political analysis, political processes and institutions, and strategies that shape policymaking arenas.

- MIAs take an additional course on *Interstate Relations*, which allows students to study relations among states in a particular geographic area or policy arena that is of special significance to their career plans.

Sample Program Scheduling

The table below shows the sequencing and scheduling of courses and credits in the program, by semester.

a. 1st year MPP at GraSPP, Second year MPA at SIPA (69 points total)

1 st FALL - GraSPP		1 st SPRING - GraSPP		SUMMER	2 nd FALL – SIPA ***		2 nd SPRING – SIPA ***	
COURSE TITLE		COURSE TITLE			COURSE TITLE		COURSE TITLE	
Microeconomics for Public Policy	3	Statistical Methods	3	Internship	Concentration 1	3	Concentration 4	3
Macroeconomics for Public Policy	3	Economic Analysis of Public Policy	3		Concentration 2	3	Concentration 5	3
Introduction to Public Management	3	International Conflict Study or Modern Japanese Diplomacy	3		Concentration 3	3	Specialization 2	3
Policy Process and Negotiation	3	Practical Training Course	3		Specialization 1	3	Specialization 3	3
Case Study 1*	3	Case Study 2*	3		Elective 1**	3	Elective 3	3
Governance and Development or Comparative Governance System	3				Elective 2	3	Internship	3
Total Credits	18	Total Credits	15		Total Credits	18		18

33 GraSPP, 36 SIPA, 69 Total

* GraSPP Case Study courses may count towards the SIPA workshop requirement.

** Professional Development may count as an elective.

***Some SIPA second year concentrations require introductory coursework taken in the 1st year.

Note, dual degree students must complete at least 30 credits with a grade of B or better while in residence at SIPA

All points in table are SIPA points.

Sample Program Scheduling

The table below shows the sequencing and scheduling of courses and credits in the program, by semester.

b. 1st year MPA at SIPA, Second year MPP at GraSPP (69 points total)

1 st FALL -SIPA		1 st SPRING -SIPA		SUMMER	2 nd FALL – GraSPP**		2 nd SPRING – GraSPP**	
COURSE TITLE		COURSE TITLE		Internship	COURSE TITLE		COURSE TITLE	
Politics of Policymaking	4	Elective 2	3		GraSPP Concentration 2	3	GraSPP Concentration 4	3
Economics I (4200) or Econ Analysis I (6400)	3	Economics II (U4201) or Econ Analysis II (6401)	3		GraSPP Concentration 3	3	GraSPP Concentration 5	3
U6500 Quantitative Analysis	3	U6000 Management	3		Practical Training Course	3	Elective 3	3
Financial Management Course*	3	Elective 3	3		Elective 1	3	Elective 4	3
Elective 1	3	Elective 4	3		Elective 2	3		
Professional Development	.5	Concentration 1	3		Case Study 1	3	Case Study 2	3
Internship	1.5							
Total Credits	18	Total Credits	18			18		15

36 at SIPA, 33 at GraSPP, 69 Total

*For the Financial Management requirement, students may choose from:

Accounting U6200, Budgeting, or Economics of Finance U6022

** In consultation with GraSPP faculty, SIPA students at GraSPP should develop a set of at least four courses on a related theme.

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