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Master of Public Policy in Digital Society

Digital technologies are restructuring myriad domains of social life. Advances in areas such as artificial intelligence, quantum computing, blockchain, robotics, 3D printing, and the Internet of Things (IoT) have ushered in radical transformations in nearly every sector. Government, industry, and civil society alike are grappling with how to develop effective policy responses in an increasingly digital society.

The Master of Public Policy (MPP) in Digital Society is a 12-month professional graduate degree that trains prospective policy leaders to navigate the rapidly changing technological landscape and resulting social, political, and economic ramifications.



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"I've spent my life advocating for a safer and healthier internet. Since this program's inception, I have been grateful to lend my expertise to the students. And I'm incredibly excited to see them grow into colleagues and leaders as they embark on a new career path to shape the future of the digital world. This program -- and the students who are a part of it -- are so needed right now."

Mark Surman, Executive Director,
Mozilla Foundation and
Professor of Practice,
Advisory Board

About the new MPP in Digital Society

- A blend of seminar-based instruction and skills development labs designed to develop a mastery of public policy along with critical digital competencies in areas such as programming, data science, and product development;
- A pioneering co-teaching model which pairs reputed academics with accomplished practitioners to provide students with both a scholarly and professional perspective on complex policy issues;
- A 12-month program distributed across three consecutive terms running from May to April to accelerate time to graduation, reduce overall tuition, and align with optimal hiring windows;
- An intimate cohort of 20 students and an unprecedented instructor-to-student ratio;
- Multidisciplinary faculty from fields including public policy, political science, economics, law, communications studies, business, and engineering;
- An engaged advisory board comprised of leaders in government, industry, academia, media, and non-profit organizations;
- Students will also engage in exclusive learning opportunities with policy leaders from across North America through fireside chats that illuminate career pathways and workplace realities.

As a graduate, you should expect to leverage the program's interdisciplinary training as both a policymaker and technologist to bridge gaps within the public, private, and community sectors.

Classes begin in May.

Review of applications will begin the third week of January. For details on the program and how to apply, visit: publicpolicy.mcmaster.ca.

The MPP program is presently being offered online through synchronous, virtual instruction. Optional in-person learning experiences may be made available in the future.

"This is the first program of its kind in Canada. It is designed to provide theoretical knowledge, subject matter expertise, and technical skill to devise and implement innovative solutions to some of the most pressing challenges of the digital age."

Clifton van der Linden,
Academic Director

"Canada needs more entrepreneurial policymakers that can critically assess the implications of new digital business models that are transforming our everyday lives."

Vass Bednar,
Executive Director

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