

THE HBS/HKS JOINT DEGREE AT HARVARD

“THE WORLD NEEDS MORE LEADERS WHO CAN BRIDGE THE STRENGTHS AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO ADDRESS THE WORLD’S MOST PRESSING ISSUES. MY AIM IS TO BE ONE OF THOSE LEADERS.”

Kaitlin Klaustermeier, MBA/MPP, Class of 2018

DEGREE OPTIONS

MBA/MPP

Master in Public Policy (MPP)

Master in Business Administration (MBA)

MBA/MPA-ID

Master in Public Administration / International Development (MPA-ID)

Master in Business Administration (MBA)

TO ENROLL in either the MPP or the MPA-ID program, candidates must apply to and be accepted by HBS and by Harvard Kennedy School.

HBS DEADLINES

08 SEP 2021
04 JAN 2022

HKS DEADLINE

DEC 2021

THE PROGRAM



3

YEARS



2

DEGREES



2

SUMMER
INTERNSHIPS



3

JOINT DEGREE
COURSES



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CAPSTONE
EXPERIENCE

As part of the MBA/MPP or the MBA/MPA-ID, you spend your first year at HKS, your second at HBS, and split your final year between the two campuses.

Participants generally complement their required and elective studies with two summer internships: either a policy, international development or social enterprise internship in the first summer, and a business-related internship in the second summer.

HBS/HKS JOINT DEGREE MISSION

The HBS/HKS joint degree programs serve a growing need of critical importance to global society: to develop leaders, skilled in management and the shaping of innovative public policy, who will assume positions of influence spanning business, government, and nonprofit organizations, through which they will contribute significantly to the well-being of society.

FINANCIAL AID

HBS and HKS offer generous aid throughout your time as a student and beyond - everything from Fellowships, to Financial Aid, to Summer Funding, to even Post-Graduation Funding. Students can explore opportunities through the HBS Financial Aid Office and HKS Office of Student Financial Services.

For more information please visit:

www.hbs.edu/hbs_hks

CURRICULUM



“The HBS and HKS core curriculums have prepared me to evaluate critical issues in both the public and private sectors. I’ve developed a strong business and management foundation and policy analysis skill-set that will help me both assess complex challenges and take effective action.”

Anna Ponting, MBA / MPP ‘19

INTERNSHIPS



“I spent my first summer working on tax and education policy for the South Carolina governor as part of the Dukakis Fellowship, and my second summer at a real estate development firm in Boston. These experiences combined were invaluable in enlightening and shaping my professional outlook.”

Danny Urgelles, MBA / MPP ‘19

COMMUNITY



“I can best describe the joint degree community as ‘authentic.’ It’s been incredible to share our backgrounds, dreams for the future, and cultures with each other. Between bonding while in Boston and a few awesome trips to each other’s home countries, the experience has been nothing short of amazing.”

Ian Abbott, MBA / MPP ‘20



“Being in the joint degree program has meant being a part of three incredible and distinct communities. I will be graduating with lifelong friendships from HKS, HBS, and of course from within the joint degree program. By experiencing two schools, I am fortunate to have developed such an extended network and diverse support system.”

Laura Oller, MBA / MPP ‘19

CAREERS & ALUMNI



“Before the joint degree program, I served for four years in the Marines. After graduating, I worked at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) as part of the HBS Leadership Fellows program. My role at the MBTA was tailor-made for a jointee: I utilized both my policy and business backgrounds to reform a government agency that truly has a double bottom line as it is responsible to taxpayers, but also serves the riding public.”

Ben Luxenberg, MBA / MPP ‘17



“Since graduation, I’ve done a number of different things including working with McKinsey, the Gates Foundation, the Indian government, and now finally I’m the CEO, Curator & Co-founder of the world’s first Museum on the Partition of India! Being a social entrepreneur is hard work - but the HKS degree helps me focus on our mission and measuring our social impact, while the HBS degree gave me the toolkit to think about our strategy and financial plan.”

Mallika Ahluwalia, MBA / MPA-ID, ‘11