



Fact Sheet

JOHN W. McCORMACK GRADUATE SCHOOL OF POLICY AND GLOBAL STUDIES
AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Presented by The Center for Women in Politics & Public Policy at the McCormack Graduate School

Women's Leadership in a Global Perspective

An Online Graduate Certificate Program

Candidates for this leadership development program include women from anywhere around the world. Together, students will examine women's leadership in politics and policymaking from a comparative perspective, drawing on their experiences within their respective countries.

The Program

This 18-credit graduate certificate program keeps the role of gender in politics and policy making central to the program's design, goals, and curriculum. It offers six interconnected courses that provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the development of women's leadership around the world. Offered entirely online, students can study from anywhere, while interacting with women from a variety of countries.

Women's Leadership in a Global Perspective focuses on the careful study of 1) governmental structures and political processes internationally; 2) the effects of public policies on women; 3) the formation and implementation of public policies relevant to women; and 4) the roles women have played, as well as the need for their greater involvement, in politics and policy formulation and implementation.

The courses in this program—which are offered entirely online—are designed to educate current and future women leaders on how best to address women's issues and reduce gender inequalities worldwide. Through educational and experiential opportunities that reflect the cultures and values of each cohort of women from around the world who participate in the program, our curriculum will enhance the leadership skills and ability to influence public policy of each program participant, thereby preparing her to take on expanded leadership roles.

Each course emphasizes the skills necessary to be an effective policy maker, teaching students how to leverage their leadership skills to 1) advocate for women's issues; 2) influence public policies; 3) gain access to public offices; and 4) resolve conflicts at the organizational, tribal, local, and national levels.

Certificate Requirements

Successful completion of all six courses is required to earn this certificate from the University of Massachusetts Boston. Students, including advanced undergraduates, may enroll in one or more courses with permission of the program director.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for the graduate certificate program must:

1. Have earned a bachelor's degree or its equivalent;
2. Submit a completed application:
www.umb.edu/admissions/grad/;
3. Submit official transcripts from every institution previously attended;
4. International students must submit a TOEFL score that meets the requirements of the University for graduate study:

www.umb.edu/admissions/grad/international_graduate_students/

5. Arrange for an online "interview" with program staff;
6. Have access to computer technology necessary for online study:

www.uc.umb.edu/dl/faq/techreq.html/

7. Submit two letters of recommendation and a Statement of Interests/Intent to:

Graduate Admissions Office
University of Massachusetts Boston
100 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, MA 02125-3393 USA
Ph: 617.287.6400

8. Pay admission fee (\$60 for domestic applicants, \$100 for international applicants).

Interested?

For more information about the program or to schedule an interview, please write, email or call:

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The following are brief descriptions of the certificate courses. For complete course descriptions, please visit: www.umb.edu/womens_leadership_online/

Fall Semester

Understanding Political Systems

Worldwide: A Gender Perspective PAF G 640

This course examines the various types of governmental power structures that exist in countries around the world. Students explore the roles/functions of parliaments/national assemblies and branches of government. Students learn to critique these structures and processes from a gender and comparative perspective, carefully examining how they affect the status of women in their respective countries.

3 credits

Women's Leadership in a Global Perspective

PAF G 641

The course focuses on examining leadership theories, assessing and developing leadership personality traits, examining leadership styles and sources of power from a variety of cultural and gender perspectives. The course culminates with each student developing an action plan for self-development.

3 credits

Spring Semester

Public Policy Analysis of Women's Issues: A Global Perspective

PAF G 642

Using case studies on real-world policy issues affecting women globally and in selected countries of interest, this course begins with a critical examination of key concepts and principles of public policy analysis within a global/comparative perspective. Topics cover the history of policy analysis, theories of the policy process, the role of social construction, institutions, interests and values in policy, organizational theory and leadership, the determination of policy goals and objectives, and various analytical and empirical frameworks for analyzing policy and its implementation worldwide.

3 credits

Gender and Dispute Resolution around the World

PAF G 643

This course engages women in a systematic examination of conflict resolution theories, drawing from a broad range of academic disciplines, including economics, law, social psychology, and anthropology, as well as dispute resolution. Students learn how to critically evaluate the respective bodies of theory; explore theories of gendered conflict/dispute resolution from a comparative perspective; and test theoretical principles against their own experiences.

3 credits

Summer Semester

Women and Public Policy Decision-Making in a Global Perspective

PAF G 646

This course focuses on the importance of women in the decision-making process and provides the tools necessary for policy formulation and implementation. Students develop real-world knowledge of how to succeed in the political systems of their respective countries. Specific skills include budgeting, lobbying, networking, using communication media, briefing, and writing testimonies. They learn how to advocate effectively and lobby from a gender perspective.

3 Credits

Women Gaining Appointed/Elected Public Office: A Global Perspective

PAF G 647

This course prepares women to gain an appointed or elected office by providing the tools necessary given the challenges they face within their respective political systems and contexts. Students begin by researching the range and types of positions that are available in different countries, including their own, and examine the ways increasing women's representation in appointed/elected positions can improve women's socioeconomic status. Specific skills gained include community outreach, campaigning, use of media, and public/private partnerships.

3 Credits

www.umb.edu/womens_leadership_online/

Program Faculty and Areas of Expertise

Carol Hardy-Fanta (Program Director & Faculty), PhD Brandeis University
Gender, Race/Ethnicity and Politics • Policy Analysis

Fatemeh Haghighatjoo (Faculty), PhD Tarbiat Moalem University, Tehran, Iran
Women's Issues and Public Policy • Iranian Affairs • Family Counseling

Amani El-Jack (Faculty), PhD York University, Canada
Gender Studies in Development, Migration, Militarization • Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Peace Building

Becki Scola (Faculty), PhD University of California Irvine
Gender Politics • Race/Ethnic Politics • Women's Leadership Worldwide

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy's **Online Graduate Certificate in Women's Leadership in a Global Perspective** has its academic home in the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies.