Program Requirements

- This 18-credit program is completed in one academic year over two semesters.
- Classes meet two evenings a week from 6–8:30 p.m.
- Students work a minimum of 160 hours at an internship during the year. The internship also has one class meeting per month.
- Each student is assigned a faculty advisor and is expected to meet with her or him at least once per semester. Professors are available during office hours and by appointment.

How to Apply

Minimum requirements for admission include completion of a BA/BS degree. GREs are not required.

For application materials, please contact:

Graduate Admissions
University of Massachusetts Boston
100 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02125-3393
Tel: 617.287.6400
Email: bos.gadm@umb.edu
Apply online at www.umb.edu/admissions/grad

For More Information

For questions, or to set up an informational interview,
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Email: glpp@umb.edu
Visit: www.umb.edu/glpp

UMASS BOSTON: A GREAT PLACE TO STUDY

The Program in Gender, Leadership and Public Policy was founded more than 40 years ago and has been a premiere training ground for women leaders. The program’s academic home is within the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston. It is administered by the College of Advancing and Professional Studies, which meets the needs of adult learners through flexible study options and a variety of degree and certificate programs.

The University of Massachusetts Boston is a public research university with a dynamic culture of teaching and learning and a commitment to urban and global engagement. Its modern campus, located just three miles from downtown Boston, is situated on a peninsula with breathtaking views of Boston Harbor.
**Make a Change, Make A Difference**

Are you someone who sees innovative solutions to entrenched social problems? Are you passionate about wanting to improve the lives of women and all those facing inequality and injustice?

If you answered “yes,” then the graduate certificate program in *Gender, Leadership and Public Policy* (GLPP) at the John W. McCormack Graduate School for Policy and Global Studies provides an action-oriented, academic experience tailor-made for you.

You may be a career changer or a recent college graduate. You may come from one of the many culturally distinct communities inside the United States, or from another country. If you are ready to be an agent of change, come to the University of Massachusetts Boston—learn how to be a strong and effective leader, make a difference in the lives of others.

**A Curriculum That Develops Leaders**

The graduate certificate program in *Gender, Leadership and Public Policy* equips students with the skills and knowledge required to launch meaningful careers as leaders at all levels of government, including elective and appointive office, or in nonprofit organizations. Some are inspired by the program to do further graduate studies in public affairs, public policy, or law. Graduates find that their careers are enhanced, their employment opportunities expanded, and their impact on the world deepened.

The program is academically rigorous and combines five complementary components:

- **Two core seminars** offer a comprehensive theoretical analysis of American politics and the process of policy making viewed through a gender lens. One seminar focuses on the substance of current public policy issues and debates. The other focuses on how government works at the federal and state levels and the challenges women face as voters, candidates, and elected officials. Both courses analyze the intersection of gender, race, and class and include a comparative dimension that is important for leadership in an increasingly globalized economy and society.

- **A research methods course** prepares students to be critical readers of research used in policy development and analysis and trains them in writing policy briefs using multiple data sources.

- **A management course** explores organizations from both a feminist and a psychodynamic perspective, allowing students to become effective leaders in organizations responding to constant external changes.

- **An internship placement** in government (often at the Massachusetts State House) or a public sector agency, a nonprofit organization, or a research institute provides experience that will be useful in pursuing meaningful employment after the program.

- **Professional development training** sharpens skills in areas such as presentation, conflict resolution, issue advocacy, writing for diverse audiences, and career planning.

Throughout the curriculum, vibrant discussions are an integral part of the GLPP experience, allowing students to grow stronger in the art of civil discourse, and to make persuasive, evidence-based arguments on policy topics.

**Program Assets**

**The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy:** The GLPP program is housed within a center that works to advance women’s leadership in multiple venues, from inner city neighborhoods to the halls of the State House and the corridors of Congress. Students have access to the center’s policy conferences, research forums, and other events.

**Faculty:** The program has an outstanding faculty including nationally recognized researchers in sociology, anthropology, political science, women’s/gender studies, area/ethnic studies, and public policy.

**Students:** The program uses a cohort model and believes strongly that students are also teachers with a wealth of knowledge and experience to bring to classroom discussions. Each cohort is diverse in terms of ethnicity, race, age, professional experience, and socio-economic background.

**Alumnae:** The program has nearly 750 distinguished alumnae. Networking opportunities for students to meet alumnae are organized during the academic year, and alumnae are available as mentors and advisors as students plan and advance in their careers.

**Scholarship Assistance:** The GLPP program is fortunate to have two endowed funds that provide scholarship assistance to students with financial need. These are the Betty Taymor Fund and the Polly Logan Fund, named for two political leaders from Massachusetts.