

# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

## SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University prepares graduates to function effectively in a variety of professional settings, including corporations, banking institutions, government agencies, media firms, nonprofits, and international organizations. SIPA offers two graduate degrees, the **Master of International Affairs (MIA)** and the **Master of Public Administration (MPA)**. Both degrees combine rigorous study in economics, statistics, political science, policy analysis, and management with a strong emphasis on practical training. Many classes make use of the case study method and are taught by practitioners from business, media, government, the United Nations, and nonprofit organizations. Classroom experience is reinforced by summer and semester-long internships.

### Advanced Policy and Economic Analysis

The Advanced Policy and Economic Analysis concentration prepares students for work in public service, whether in government, nonprofit institutions, or private companies where there is a need for policy planning and evaluation expertise. Graduates are uniquely prepared for leadership positions, as they are trained to analyze the increasingly complex range of issues driving public policy decisions and political leadership. Students can focus on either economic analysis or advanced quantitative techniques, which prepares students for quantitative research work or program evaluation in various policy areas. In fulfilling the concentration requirements, students often include courses from other graduate schools within Columbia University, such as the School of Social Work, the Business School and the Law School.

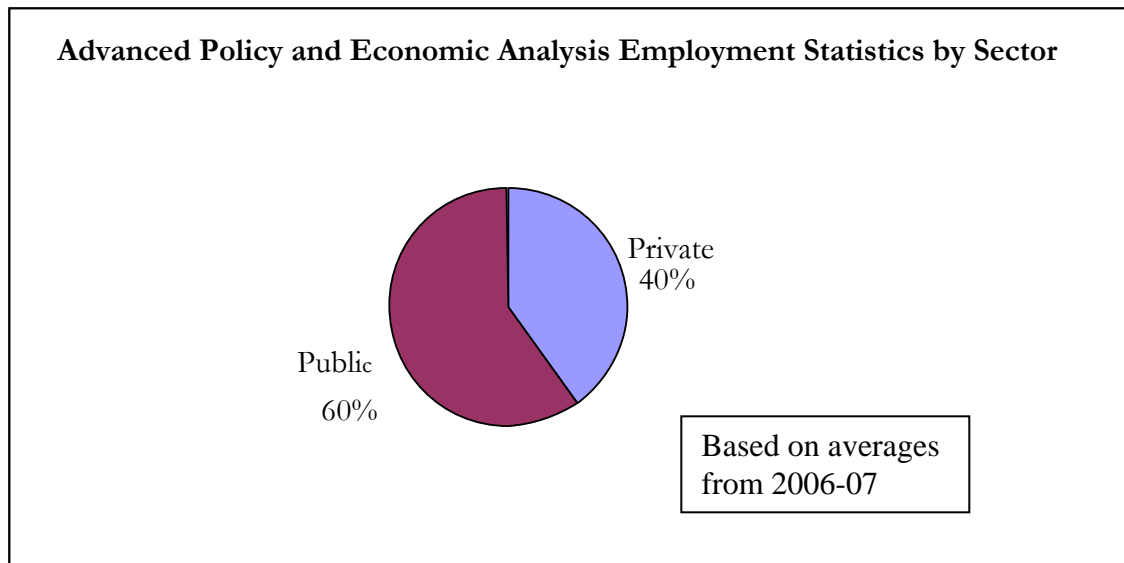
### Skills

SIPA attracts a highly motivated and diverse group of students with broad international perspectives from all over the world. Working with outstanding faculty, students drive cutting-edge initiatives in public policy. SIPA offers:

- ◆ strong emphasis on real-world applications and practical training in the classroom.
- ◆ participation in summer and semester-long internships.
- ◆ students from 101 different countries; most are bi-lingual, and many are multi-lingual.
- ◆ multi-cultural interaction, teamwork, and collaboration within an international context.
- ◆ strong quantitative, critical thinking, writing, and management skills.

### Employment Statistics

SIPA students find employment in the public, private and nonprofit sectors.



## **MIA Core Curriculum**

All students in the MIA program are required to take courses in the following areas:

- Conceptual Foundations of International Politics
- Interstate Relations
- Regionally Focused Courses
- International Policy and Management
- International Economics
- Statistics

## **MPA Core Curriculum**

All students in the MPA program are required to take courses that cover the following topics:

- Public Management
- Microeconomic and Policy Analysis
- Quantitative Techniques
- Politics of Policymaking
- Financial Analysis
- Workshop in Public Affairs

## **Advanced Policy and Economic Analysis Courses**

The following sample elective courses demonstrate how students can tailor the program to align their courses with specific career and educational interests.

### **Applied Quantitative Analysis:**

- Applied Regression Analysis
- Data Analysis for Policymaking
- Decision Models
- Planning Research and Evaluation Methods
- Program Evaluation
- Research Design and Data Collection Methods
- Statistical Modeling for Data Analysis
- Systems Analysis and Simulation

### **Applied Economic Analysis:**

- Cost Benefit Analysis
- Economic Development
- Economics of Finance
- Game Theory
- International Capital Markets
- International Finance and Monetary Theory
- Macroeconomic Policy
- Public Economics