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HARRIS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

Visiting Student Program ("3+1+1 Program")

Info Session Announcement

Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago

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Korea University Department of Public Administration (KUPA)

Program Introduction

How can public policy move beyond ideas on paper to make a measurable difference in the world? At the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, students learn to use evidence, data, and clear analytical thinking to address complex public challenges.

Harris pairs a strong foundation in data analytics with interdisciplinary policy training, preparing students to investigate real-world problems and develop solutions with measurable social impact.

The University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy is one of the world's leading schools of public policy, recognized for its rigorous academic training, data-driven approach, and commitment to advancing evidence-based solutions to complex public challenges.

Since its founding in 1988, Harris has helped redefine public policy as a field grounded in evidence, analytical rigor, and measurable impact. The school is home to more than 60 faculty members, including four Nobel laureates in economics. At Harris, students from a wide range of academic backgrounds, including the humanities, education, economics, management, and the natural sciences, can develop an academic path that reflects their interests and goals. Harris helps students examine public policy from multiple perspectives and build the analytical tools needed to understand and address complex problems.

The Korea University Department of Public Administration and the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy have launched a new 3+1+1 academic partnership program.

About the 3+1+1 Program

The Visiting Student Program ("3+1+1 Program") is designed for outstanding undergraduate students and offers a distinctive pathway to international academic experience and advanced graduate-level study. Eligible students may study at UChicago Harris as visiting students during their junior or senior year. Through this experience, students will engage with an international academic environment and begin taking courses in the Master of Public Policy (MPP) program.

This partnership creates a strong bridge from undergraduate study to graduate-level training and helps prepare students to address pressing public policy challenges with a global perspective.

During or after the visiting student period of the 3+1+1 Program, students may apply to the Harris MPP program. If admitted, and upon successful completion of their undergraduate degree at their home institution, students may return to Harris to continue their MPP studies. Through this pathway, students may have the opportunity to earn both their undergraduate degree from their home institution and an MPP degree from the University of Chicago within five years, strengthening their academic preparation and professional development.

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Why Study Public Policy at UChicago Harris?

Policy shapes nearly every aspect of how we learn, work, and live. In today's world, society needs a new generation of leaders who can identify effective solutions to complex public challenges. Leaders in business and nonprofit organizations, consultants, lawyers, financial analysts, government contractors, social entrepreneurs, and many others benefit from understanding how policy is shaped, implemented, and evaluated.

At Harris, effective public policy is treated as a discipline grounded in data, evidence, and measurable impact. Evidence and rigorous analysis play an essential role, alongside experience and judgment, in understanding whether a policy works. Addressing today's global and interconnected challenges requires rigorous inquiry, careful analysis, and a willingness to engage directly with real-world data. Harris prepares students to become skilled practitioners who can use evidence to drive meaningful change.

The analytical and data-driven skills students develop at Harris are highly transferable across fields. Harris alumni pursue careers across the public and government sectors, private companies, nonprofit organizations, NGOs, intergovernmental organizations, consulting, finance, technology, and other fields.

Academic Experience

During the program, students will experience Harris's rigorous core curriculum and a wide range of elective courses that connect analytical training with real-world policy practice. Students may also have the opportunity to enroll in eligible courses from other schools or departments across the University of Chicago, including the Law School and the Booth School of Business, subject to instructor or department approval and permission from the Harris academic advisor.

Depending on the course syllabus, course content, and the policies of the student's home institution, courses completed at UChicago may also be considered for transfer toward the student's undergraduate degree requirements.

Info Session

Students are invited to join an online info session for the 3+1+1 Program, a new academic partnership between the Korea University Department of Public Administration and the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy. This session will provide an overview of the program structure, application process, and pathway to the Harris Master of Public Policy degree.

The webinar will be led by Zoe Wu, Senior Assistant Director of Credential Programs at UChicago Harris. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about how this pathway can support their academic and professional goals.

Zoe Wu serves as Senior Assistant Director of Credential Programs at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy. In this role, she supports the development of non-degree credential programs and custom programs, while helping expand partnerships with universities and public-sector organizations around the world. She also manages the full lifecycle of custom programs, including program design, faculty coordination, and ensuring a high-quality learning experience for students.

Zoe earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where she double majored in Statistics and Economics, and received her Master of Public Policy from UChicago Harris. During her graduate studies, she also served as a research assistant at the TMW Center for Early Learning + Public Health, gaining research and applied policy experience.

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Webinar Details

Date and Time: Friday, November 20, 2026, 11:00 a.m. Korea Standard Time

Format: Online (Zoom)

Registration Link: https://uchicago.zoom.us/meeting/register/OWkc7Kn-Ste3MAC0NXYoPQ