The Sol Price School of Public Policy recognizes the importance of training the next generation of professionals to be competitive in a globalized context. Through an exchange program with the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin, Germany, Price School MPA, MPL and MPP students will have the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills necessary to become global leaders and succeed in a global market. Students will gain a broader international perspective through this exchange program. As a result of the program, students will return with increased exposure and understanding of policy, public administration, governance, and economic development.

Students will attend the Hertie School during the Fall or Spring semesters. The Hertie School of Governance is an accredited and state-recognized institution of higher education in Germany. The Hertie School awards master’s degrees, executive education certification, and doctorates with the Berlin Graduate School.

The School features a renowned international faculty with expertise in economics, business, law, political and social science that take an interdisciplinary, policy-oriented approach to research and teaching. The Hertie School shares many of the same ideals and focuses of the Price School. Both institutions focus on an interdisciplinary approach to research and teaching. The academic programs of both schools emphasize a theory to practice method of teaching.

Price School students will take a maximum of 12 units from the Master of Public Policy program at the Hertie School. The MPP is a fulltime study program for graduates and young professionals who hold at least a bachelor's degree (or its international equivalent). The MPP is taught in English and brings together students from around the world. Students will take classes that are relevant to their degree and career objectives. Working closely with the Price School program directors and program administrators, students will take core and/or elective courses offered at the Hertie School:

Example core courses include:
- The Policy Process: Social Policy
- The Policy Process: Global Governance

Example elective courses include:
- Transitions to Good Governance
- Leadership in Public Bureaucracies
- Political Communication in Modern Democracies
- Perspectives on Policy Analysis and Governance in a Globalizing World

Please contact Christine Wilson in RGL 108 if you are interested in syllabi for the above courses.
USC students will select their courses with the assistance of their program administrator or program advisor to fulfill core and/or elective requirements. The Price School degree program director must approve the courses prior to enrollment at Hertie School. All classes are taught in English, therefore there is no foreign language proficiency requirement. No language, culture, or professional development courses will be transferable for graduate credit towards your USC degree.

USC students are afforded the same amenities as Hertie School students, including library facilities and computer labs. The Hertie School Student Services team offers support for incoming students with questions regarding visa, registration, and housing. The Hertie School does not provide housing; the Student Services team assists students in finding accommodation in Berlin. The Student Services team also provides assistance to students regarding academic and personal matters while in Berlin. Students are encouraged to participate in events and opportunities while at Hertie.

During fall or spring semesters, USC will send up to two (2) master’s level students to the Hertie School. USC oversees the admission and selection process of USC students studying at the Hertie School. Students complete an application and selection of students will be done by a committee. Students must have a minimum 3.5 GPA in their Price School graduate coursework and have completed a minimum of 8 graduate units at the Price School prior to participating in the exchange program.

While the program is most aligned with the Price School’s Master of Public Administration and the Master of Public Policy degrees, the structure of our MPP program precludes most MPP students from participating. Students pursuing the Master of Planning may also participate. All students will work closely with their Price School program administrator to understand how the coursework will return to USC.

USC students will pay USC tuition while attending the partner institution. All expenses incurred for travel, accommodations, food, personal items, books, supplies, and insurance shall be borne by the student. Any arrangements and payment of additional housing and program fees required by the host institution will be the student’s sole responsibility.

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