



## Masters in Public Administration (MPA) Full-time



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AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
Public Administration Theory & Practice (9 ects)	Collaborative Governance & Leadership (9 ects)	Dissertation (30 ects)
Research Methods for Practitioners (9 ects)	International Economic Issues (6 ects)	
Organisational Behaviour (6 ects)	Administrative Law (6 ects)	
Economics for Business (6 ects)	Using Evidence to Improve Societal Outcomes in the Real World (9 ects)	

The Masters in Public Administration (MPA) is a one year full-time interdisciplinary programme aimed at providing students with analytical and professional skills, combined with knowledge of public management and policy making in government. The modules offered in the MPA programme are designed to provide participants with a rigorous and interdisciplinary curriculum in public administration, economics, and law. The MPA aims to equip students with a comprehensive knowledge of the nature, role and development of the public sector, and an awareness of public service values. Students take compulsory modules in Public Administration, Economics, Organisational Behaviour, Policy Analysis and Law. For the research element of the programme students participate in a research methods module designed for practitioners and complete an individual research project.

The full-time MPA also provides the option of an exit award of Graduate Diploma in Public Administration for students who meet the academic requirements of the Autumn and Spring semesters of the programme (60 ects) and do not proceed to the dissertation (30 ects).

### CAREERS

A MPA degree is an internationally recognised masters programme with an interdisciplinary curriculum that prepares students for management roles in the public sector. This programme is relevant postgraduate training for both serving public officials and students who are interested in a public service career. It is also suitable for those aspiring to management roles in public agencies or non-governmental organisations working with government, whether at the local organisational, national or international levels.



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Each taught postgraduate programme has particular entry requirements therefore applicants should consult the individual programme entries for further details. Applicants for a Master's programme must normally have a first or second class Level 8 honours degree (NFQ or other Internationally recognised equivalent) in a relevant or appropriate subject, or equivalent prior learning that is recognised by the University as meeting this requirement. Applicants must also satisfy the English Language Requirements of the University. The University reserves the right to shortlist and interview applicants as deemed necessary.

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## Modules

### Autumn

**Public Administration Theory & Practice** serves as an advanced introduction to public administration for students and focuses on the changes in the management of the public sector over the past three decades.

**Research Methods for Practitioners** aims to familiarise participants with various approaches to research in the social sciences. Students will explore the application of theories and norms of methodological research to the study of various public administration contexts and issues.

**Organisational Behaviour** aims to give students an understanding of key concepts in Organisational Behaviour and enhance their ability to analyse their implications for management policy and practice.

**Economics for Business** aims to introduce students to the main theories in the areas of Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, and to illustrate how economists use these theories to analyse economic problems and policy issues, as well as their relevance for, and applicability to business.

### Spring

**Collaborative Governance & Leadership** introduces students to general principles and practices about leadership, with an emphasis on collaborative working within and beyond the public administration system.

**International Economic Issues** provides students with a balanced and objective analysis of the main issues confronting international policy makers and to explain why these global issues have an impact on the daily lives of citizens across the globe.

**Administrative Law** provides students with the mechanisms to test whether any decisions or actions taken by government or governmental agencies are lawful, and examine the redress available for aggrieved citizens.

**Using Evidence to Improve Societal Outcomes in the Real World** considers what it means for professionals who serve society to be evidence-informed, what is the value for citizens, and the practicalities of such an approach.

The Masters in Public Administration provides students with an excellent overview of politics, public administration, law and economics. The Programme's core modules are informative and the real life examples provided help to make the learning process both practical and theoretical. The Programme prepares students for a wide range of future careers and activities, and is particularly suited to those hoping to pursue a career in public management and policy making.

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## HOW TO APPLY

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### MA FEES A/Y 2018/2019

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<b>Full-time</b>	TBC	TBC

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