

Sometimes, it falls upon a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom.

- Nelson Mandela

IMPP

Master in
Public Policy

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MASTER IN PUBLIC POLICY

Look forward to studying economics, political science and public management.

Our two-year, full-time Master in Public Policy (MPP) provides a strong foundation in policy analysis, programme evaluation and management. Students will be equipped with the necessary skills and competencies to become highly skilled policy-makers and analysts in the public, private or non-profit sectors.

Admissions Criteria

MPP applicants must demonstrate intellectual distinction, personal character and leadership capabilities. They should possess at least a bachelor degree and up to five years' working experience. Proficiency in written and spoken English is essential.

Required Documents

- Online application form
- Official academic transcripts and certificates (including grading description)
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- A score of 100 (TOEFL internet-based test), 600 (TOEFL paper-based test) or 7.0 (IELTS academic test), is preferred.*
- Two essays
- Two reports of reference — one professional and one academic

*TOEFL/IELTS test score is mandatory for all applicants except those with a bachelor degree conducted entirely in English. (Due to COVID-19 pandemic. The school will also accept TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition and IELTS Indicator)

Curriculum

The MPP curriculum comprises core modules and a wide range of specialisation modules and electives.

Core Modules

Core modules focus on imparting knowledge, developing practical skills and promoting interdisciplinary competencies that are critical for the work of public policy practitioners, particularly public managers, researchers and leaders.

- Policy Challenges
- Foundations in Public Policy
- Economic Foundations for Public Policy
- Policy Analysis Exercise (PAE)*
- Working with Stakeholders
- Research Methods for Public Policy

*PAE is a public policy project completed as a capstone module for a client organisation in the public, private or non-profit sector.

Specialisation

Students can acquire greater depth and sophistication through any one of the three areas of specialisation:

- Economics and Development
- Politics and International Affairs
- Management and Leadership

Students may also opt to graduate without a specialisation.

Elective Modules

Those who seek a broader public policy education may choose a more generalist approach by selecting up to five free electives from over 60 modules. Students can choose from a new elective basket 'Evidence-Based Innovation Lab', which includes modules such as:

- Big Data, Official Statistics, and Public Policy
- Data Analytics: Science, Art and Applications

Please visit the LKYSPP website for the full list of electives.

Restricted Elective

Students will be required to read one Restricted Elective from a basket of methods electives. Visit <https://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes/master-in-public-policy-mpp/mpp-curriculum> for more information.

Classroom Diversity

The MPP cohort comprises 60 to 80 students from public, private and non-profit sectors, from more than 20 countries.



Double Degree

Overseas

Qualified students will have the opportunity to pursue a dual degree abroad for a year at our partner institutions. Our partner institutions include:

- Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo
- London School of Economics and Political Science
- School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University

Singapore

Students can also pursue a double degree at the NUS Business School and the NUS Faculty of Law. These are:

- Master in Public Policy and Master of Business Administration
- Master in Public Policy and Master of Laws

Exchange Programme

Eligible MPP students can participate in a one-semester exchange programme with our partner institutions, which include:

Asia-Pacific

- Department of Public Administration, Korea University
- Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP), University of Tokyo
- Graduate School in International Studies, Seoul National University
- School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University
- Department of Public Administration, Yonsei University Graduate School
- Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Public Policy
- School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University

Americas

- Escola de Administracao de Empresas de Sao Paulo Fundacao Getulio Vargas
- Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, John Hopkins University
- Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto
- The McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University
- School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, University of British Columbia

Europe

- Hertie School
- Moscow State Institute of International Relations University
- School of Public Affairs,
- The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi
- University of St Gallen

Policy Analysis Exercise

The Policy Analysis Exercise (PAE) is the capstone module that provides rigorous training for a strong foundation in public policy analysis, programme evaluation, and management. Second year MPP students, under the supervision of a faculty advisor, will apply the knowledge and skills learnt to define, analyse, evaluate, formulate and assess policy options and develop specific, actionable recommendations for a PAE client organisation that is working on real world policy issues. The analysis and recommendations are then presented in a written report and at an annual PAE conference.

Internships

Students are encouraged to pursue internships in the public, private or non-profit sector. We actively engage leading think-tanks, consulting firms, multilateral institutions and non-profit organisations to facilitate internships. Internship opportunities are posted regularly throughout the year on the LKYSPP Career Portal, and students may work part-time up to 16 hours a week during a semester, or full-time during the official National University of Singapore (NUS) vacation periods.

Academic Calendar

Year 1, Semester 1	Year 1, Semester 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Economic Foundations for Public Policy- Research Method for Public Policy 1- Foundations of Public Policy- Free Elective 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Policy Challenges- Research Method for Public Policy 2- Restricted Elective- Free Elective 2
Year 2, Semester 1	Year 2, Semester 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Working with Stakeholders- *Specialisation Elective 1- *Specialisation Elective 2- *Specialisation Elective 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Policy Analysis Exercise- *Specialisation Elective 4- *Specialisation Elective 5- Free Elective 3

* Specialisation is not mandatory. If a student choose not to specialised, the specialisation elective would be replaced by an elective.

Application Period

Applications open on 1 August and close on 15 December every year.



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