

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAMME AT INPUMA

The MPP is a comprehensive programme that integrates public policy formulation, analysis, evaluation, and management. Core courses and electives provide students with in-depth knowledge of current international and national policy issues. Through coursework, interaction with faculty and practical experience, MPP students gain awareness of the political environment in which policy decisions are made and develop an understanding of the effects that decisions have on individuals, business, community, and government.

The Master of Public Policy was established in 2005, making it the newest graduate programme in the University of Malaya. The programme is located within INPUMA, an institute established in 1999 by the University to train local and international public administrators and managers, and to be a centre for consultation and discussion of topical issues including national and international government policy.

STUDY AT INPUMA

As an institution in the University of Malaya, INPUMA is part of the oldest university in Malaysia. The University's roots can be traced back to the King Edward VII College of Medicine established in 1905 and the Raffles College established in 1929 in Singapore. Since those times the University of Malaya has greatly expanded but maintained its excellence



as one of the top universities in the world.

INPUMA, being one of the most prominent policy training centres in the region, offers students the opportunity throughout the year to participate in numerous social and cultural activities, ranging from international conferences to public debates. In addition, the institution also encourages students to attend lectures by prominent scholars, politicians, business leaders and policy makers that regularly speak at INPUMA.

Students also have access to ample computer facilities with high-speed Internet connection. These facilities are open five days a week during working hours (8.30am to 5.30pm), and student consultants are available to offer assistance.

Students also have off-site access to both the library and e-mail servers.

THE MPP CURRICULUM

The multidisciplinary curriculum draws from economics, political science, sociology, operations research and law, and builds the necessary skills and knowledge required for a professional policy analyst. Through coursework, research and field experience, students gain an understanding of the policy process as well as institution and individual roles involved in that process.

The Master of Public Policy requires 3 semesters of coursework, inclusive of 30 credit hours of core courses and 6 credit hours of electives to be chosen from a broad array of subjects, which delves deeply into a specific area of concentration. The final component of the MPP programme is to produce a research paper. Students are encouraged to choose a topic that matches their particular interests to further career goals.

Core Courses (30 credit hours)

The 10 core courses aim to develop analytical skills - political, organisational, economic, quantitative, and managerial - that are essential for an effective policy analysis.

1. Communication and Writing Skills (ZIGP6101)
2. Welfare Economics and Public Policy (ZIGP6102)
3. Politics and Public Policy (ZIGP6103)
4. Public Policy Analysis (ZIGP6104)
5. State, Society and Development (ZIGP6105)
6. Management and Public Policy (ZIGP6106)
7. Public Policy Colloquium (ZIGP6107)
8. Development and Public Policy (ZIGP6108)
9. Macroeconomics and Public Policy (ZIGP6109)
10. Research Methodology (ZIGP6110)

Elective Courses (6 credit hours)

Students are required to take two elective courses. INPUMA allows the courses to be taken from any recognised university locally or internationally. This is to ensure students are given ample opportunity to explore and choose a specialisation that meets their unique needs and interests.

1. Environmental Economics and Public Policy (ZIGP6301)
2. Gender and Public Policy (ZIGP6302)
3. Health and Public Policy (ZIGP6303)
4. Law and Public Policy (ZIGP6304)
5. Public Finance (ZIGP6305)
6. Science, Technology and Public Policy (ZIGP6306)
7. Trade and Development (ZIGP6307)

Directed Research Paper (compulsory requirement for graduation)

For this component of the programme, students are required to conduct a policy analysis of an actual client or organisation (public or private). A lecturer will be assigned to oversee the analysis.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicant(s) should have a good Bachelor's degree from a recognised university and preferably with an academic and/or professional background in political science, public policy, economics or law. Applicant(s) who are in the process of completing their final year undergraduate studies may apply for the MPP Programme, but, may only attend the programme upon full completion of the undergraduate course.

Admission Procedures

Application materials may be obtained from the POSTGRADUATE ADMISSIONS UNIT, INSTITUTE OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES (IPS), UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA or from INPUMA.

The following are the required documents for a complete application:-

1. Two (2) copies of completed application forms with a recent photograph attached to one of the forms;
2. A resume which includes professional experience, educational background, and other relevant experience;
3. An essay of 1000 words explaining why you are interested in pursuing the MPP programme, how will a Master of Public Policy affect or enhance your career aspirations and goals, and what policy area interests you the most and why?
4. Letters of references from two persons. These reports are confidential and must be sealed in a separate envelope by the referee before submission;
5. Two certified copies of examination transcripts, degree certifications, and documents of other qualifications;
6. Recent results of the IELTS or TOEFL (if deemed necessary);
7. An acceptable letter of financial guarantee from the bank or relevant financial institution for self-financing international applicants, and ;
8. Two (2) copies of your Malaysian Identity Card (NRIC - for Malaysian students) or two (2) copies of your Passport (for foreign students).

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THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE
OF PUBLIC POLICY AND
MANAGEMENT (INPUMA)

For International Students

Please include the following items together with (2) copies of completed application forms in order to prevent unnecessary delays in processing:-

1. Four (4) recent passport-size photographs;
2. Three (3) certified copies of your passport;
3. Two (2) certified copies of your undergraduate degree(s) and any professional qualification(s). Please provide English translations if the certificates are not in Bahasa Malaysia or English);
4. Two (2) certified copies of academic transcripts. These transcripts should include:-
 - i) the date of enrolment;
 - ii) a list of all subjects taken (with dates), and the grades obtained for each subject;
 - iii) an interpretation or explanation of the grade marks or scores, and;
 - iv) the title of the degree awarded and date of conferment;
5. A processing fee of USD30 by bank transfer (TT) to the following account (cash is not accepted):-
 - i. Payee : Bursar,
University of Malaya
 - ii. Bank Address : Bumiputera Commerce Bank Berhad
University of Malaya
50603 Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia
 - iii. Account No. : 14400004005053
6. A copy of the above telegraphic transfer slip;
7. A self-addressed reply card;
8. A letter of guarantee from your sponsor (for those under scholarships or sponsorships), as proof of the ability to pay all tuition and living expenses and
9. A certification of your fulfilment of the English Language Requirement.

Application Deadlines

Applicants are encouraged to submit their application as one complete package. Transcripts and letters of recommendation should be submitted in separate sealed envelopes, and then submitted together with the rest of the necessary documents. Please submit the completed application forms and materials **one (1) month before the start of a new semester.**

Application Submission

All applications should be submitted to:
The Postgraduate Admissions Unit,
Institute of Postgraduate Studies,
University of Malaya,
50603 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Tel: (603) 7967 4623/4517/4659
Fax: (603) 7967 4606/7956 8940/7956 6634

For further enquiries on application submission, please visit IPS website at IPS <http://ips.um.edu.my>

For further information about the MPP programme, please contact:

International Institute of Public Policy and Management,
Block C Level 3, UM City Campus,
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Fax: (603) 2617 3027/3040
Email: inpuma@um.edu.my
Website: www.inpuma.org.my



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

PASCA Scheme

Qualifications for eligible applicants:

- ❖ Malaysian students only.
- ❖ Good academic results.
- ❖ Full time studies in a Master's programme or Ph.D. programme by research.
- ❖ Not holding a job or scholarship or receiving other financial assistance unless with a written approval from the Vice-Chancellor.
- ❖ Proven knowledge in the research area that is to be undertaken.

Contact

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The Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders' Fellowships

Qualifications for eligible applicants:

- ❖ Malaysian or international students.
- ❖ Pursuing Ph.D. programme or full-time Master's by dissertation.
- ❖ Research in Social Science or Humanities.
- ❖ Full-time research.
- ❖ Not holding a job or scholarship or receiving other financial assistance unless with a written approval from the Vice-Chancellor.
- ❖ A bachelor's degree with honours or its equivalent.
- ❖ Not more than 40 years of age on date of application.

Contact

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MOULDING LEADERS

