

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicant(s) must have a good Bachelor's degree from a recognised university with overall CGPA of at least 3.00. Preference will be given to applicant(s) with professional background in public policy, public administration, economics and political science. Applicant(s) who are in the process of completing their final year undergraduate studies may apply for the MPP programme. However, applicant(s) may only attend the programme upon full completion of the undergraduate programme.

Admission Procedures

The online application is available at:
<http://ips.um.edu.my>

Complete information on the guidelines are also available on the website.

International applicant(s) are required to obtain at least 550 for TOEFL or Band 6 for IELTS.

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MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY (MPP) PROGRAMME AT INPUMA

The MPP is a comprehensive postgraduate 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 intensive coursework, interaction with academicians and practitioners, MPP students gain awareness of the political environment in which policy decisions are made. Students also develop an understanding of the effects that decisions have on individuals, business, community, and government.

The MPP was first introduced in 2005 by INPUMA. This makes the MPP one of the most recent graduate programmes in the University of Malaya. INPUMA was established in 1999 to complement the modernisation of the civil service by providing training for local and international public administrators, and to be a centre for consultation and discussion of topical issues including national and international government policy.

STUDYING AT INPUMA

As one of the six institutes within University of Malaya, INPUMA is part of the oldest higher education institution 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 then, University of Malaya has greatly expanded and maintained its excellence as one of the reputable universities in the world.

INPUMA as a leading public policy and human resources training centre in the region offers students the opportunity throughout the year to participate in numerous educational and socio-cultural activities,

ranging from international conferences to public debates. In addition, the institute also encourages students to attend lectures by prominent scholars, politicians, business leaders and policy makers that are regularly invited to 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 of the MPP has recently been revised and updated to reflect a more comprehensive and inclusive approach which enhances the student's conceptual understanding of public policy and his/her engagement with real-world experiences. Thus the curriculum has been extensively broadened to include other policy areas and tools such as foreign policy, education, international trade, fiscal & monetary policy, sustainable development, budget administration and cost-benefit analysis. Existing modules have been retained, and the entire curriculum itself comprising of various policy fields continues to draw from a myriad of disciplines such as economics, political science, planning, operations research and law, and builds the necessary skills and knowledge required for a professional policy analyst. Through coursework, research and field-work, students gain an in-depth understanding of the policy processes as well as the systemic roles of actors and institutions.

The Master of Public Policy requires **3 semesters** of coursework, inclusive of **38 credit hours of core courses and 4 credit hours of electives** to be chosen from a broad array of subjects, which delves deeply into a specific area of concentration.

Core Courses (38 credit hours)

The 12 core courses aim to develop analytical skills: political, organisational, economic, quantitative, and managerial - that are essential for an effective policy analysis.

1. Foundation of Public Policy (ZIGP 6101)
2. Development of Public Policy (ZIGP 6102)
3. Economics for Public Policy I (ZIGP 6103)
4. Budget Administration (ZIGP 6104)
5. Research Methodology (ZIGP 6105)
6. Management and Public Policy (ZIGP 6106)
7. Economics for Public Policy 2 (ZIGP 6107)
8. Policy Analysis Exercise (ZIGP 6108)
9. Law and Public Policy (ZIGP 6111)
10. Cost Benefit Analysis (ZIGP 6112)
11. Capstone Project (ZIGP 6113)
12. Research Project (ZIGP 6181)

Elective Courses (4 credit hours)

Students are required to take two elective courses. This is to ensure students are given ample opportunity to explore and choose a specialisation that meets their unique needs and interests.

Research Project

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.

Capstone Project

This course is designed to provide an integrative experience by developing an actual project/programme with local, state, national or international agency.