

BA (Hons)/MA Public Policy and Governance (F/T) – SH542

1. Objectives

In our world of enormous opportunities and threats, and growing expectations, inequalities, and conflicts, there is much concern on how to better prepare and implement public policy and public action and in the same vein there is a drive for reform of governance and the building of effective institutions around the globe. Hence the BA/MA Programme in Public Policy and Governance provides students with the analytical and policy skills to manage reform processes, together with an in-depth understanding of actions of other organisations undertaken with a public purpose. This four year and a half years full time MA Programme offers the possibility to exit at BA (Hons) in line with current trends for universities in the north. It offers a comprehensive understanding of the stages of public policy processes, methods for formulating and selecting policies, programmes and expenditures and application of theories and principles for improving governance and democracy across a spectrum of issues, including accountability, inclusive democracy, combating corruption and enforcing the rule of law.

At the end of the programme students should be able to:

- master concepts as public policy, governance and democracy, institutional reform, capacity building, accountability and power;
- critically analyse current public sector reform efforts in Mauritius and Africa, and understand how these reforms take place;
- understand how policy making is affected by the complex nature of organisations and evaluate public sector outcomes from a good governance perspective;
- demonstrate the ability to contribute in preparing and implementing creative, realistic and relevant policies.

In terms of career prospects, this programme will enable the students to be employed in the Government Sector, Private Sector, national and international NGOs or donor organisations such as the UNDP, as well as work as community based workers and social workers.

2. General Entry Requirements

In accordance with the University General Entry Requirements for admission to Undergraduate and Postgraduate Degree Programmes.

3. Programme Requirements

At least credit in five (5) subjects at 'O'Level/GCE level, including Mathematics and English and at least pass in 2 subjects at 'A' Level.

To enroll for the MA Programme, that is Year 4, the student should satisfy all the requirements for the award of BSc/BA and should have at least a CPA of 50%.

Note: Students will have to indicate if they wish to proceed with the MA at the end of their 2nd year of study. Students enrolled on the MA Programme will be charged tuition fees.

4. Programme Duration

	Normal	Maximum
BA Public Policy and Governance	3 years	5 years
MA Public Policy and Governance	4 1/2 years	7 years

5. Minimum Credits Required for Undergraduate Degree Award (BA (Hons) Public Policy and Governance: 103

Minimum Credits Required for Postgraduate Degree Award (MA Public Policy and Governance: 142 (103+39)

BA/MA (4 1/2 years) Programme Credits from			
Core Taught Modules	Dissertations	Electives	GEMs
105	22	9	6
BA (3 years) Programme Credits from			
Core Taught Modules	Dissertation	Electives	GEMs
81	10	6	6

The University reserves the right not to offer a given elective module if the critical number of students is not attained and/or for reasons of resource constraints.

Modules	Credits
Core	
Economics	81
Statistics	15
Law	3
CSE	3
SOCI	3
GEMs	6
Dissertations	22
Electives	9
Total	142

6. Credits per Year

Minimum 18 credits, Maximum 48 credits, subject to regulation 4.

7. Assessment

Each module will carry 100 marks and will be assessed as follows (unless otherwise specified): written examination of 3-hours duration for modules with 6 credits and 2 hours duration for modules with 3 credits. Continuous assessment will count for 20% - 30% of the overall percentage marks for the BA and 30% to 40% for MA and can be based on seminars and/or assignments. Modules accounting for 3 credits should include at least 1 class test and modules with 6 credits, at least 2 class tests.

Written examinations for all modules, except for DE modules and some semester modules, whether taught in semester 1 or in semester 2 or both, will be carried out at the end of the academic year (unless stated otherwise).

An overall total of (50% at MA and Postgraduate Diploma Levels and 40% at BA level) for combined continuous assessment and written examination components would be required to pass a module, without minimum thresholds within the individual continuous assessment and written examination. The same criterion will

apply for modules being assessed jointly. Note that all overall mark for the two modules will be considered and not the individual marks for each of the two modules.

8. Submission Deadline for Dissertation

Degree

Final copy: Last week day of March of the Academic Year by 4.00 p.m at latest.

MSc

- First Draft: End of July in the Final Year.
- Final Copy: Last week day of August in the Final Year by 4.00 p.m at latest.

9. List of Modules

CORE MODULES

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk	Credits
ECON 1001Y(1)	Fundamentals of Economics	3+0	6
LAWS 1005(1)	Legal Framework of Government	3+0	3
ECON 1009Y(1)	Introduction to Economic Institution and Policy	3+0	6
STAT 1007Y(1)	Quantitative Methods for Social Scientists	3+0	6
SOCI 1206(1)	Gender and Economics	3+0	3
CSE 1010e(1)	Introduction to Information Technology	3+0	3
2 GEMs		3+0	6
ECON 2016Y(3)	Market Analysis	3+0	6
ECON 2017Y(3)	Economic Policy Analysis	3+0	6
ECON 2171(3)	Fundamentals of Econometrics	3+0	3
STAT 2006Y(3)	Research Techniques	3+0	6
ECON 2022Y(3)	Government Finance	3+0	6
ECON 2023Y(3)	Public Sector Governance	3+0	6
ECON 3019(5)	Current Public Policy Issues in Mauritius	3+0	6
ECON 3006Y(5)	International Economics	3+0	6
ECON 3005Y(5)	Development Economics	3+0	6
ECON 3103(5)	Welfare State and Social Policy	3+0	3
ECON 3000(5)	Dissertation		10
STAT 5101	Applied Research Methods	3+0	3
ECON 5032	Financial Governance	3+0	6
ECON 5033	Leadership, Strategy and Performance in the Public Sector	3+0	6
ECON 5034	Theories and Polices of Development Governance	3+0	6
ECON 5201	Public Sector Management and Policy	3+0	3
ECON 6000	Dissertation		12
ELECTIVES			
ECON 2005Y(3)	Economics of Industry and Labour	3+0	6
ECON 2024Y(3)	Economics of Poverty	3+0	6
ECON 5102	Environmental Economics and Sustainable Development	3+0	3
ECON 5103	Issues in Public Policy	3+0	3

Note 1 : Offering of electives would be subject to availability of resources and critical mass. The Department reserves the right to offer additional electives.

Note 2: Students will have to complete a minimum of two (2) General Education Module (GEMs) over the three years of Programme of Studies. List of GEMs will be posted on Faculty Notice Boards at the start of every semester.

10. Programme Plan: BA/MA Public Policy and Governance

1. Modules will be taught in the first semester of the concerned academic year.
2. Modules will be taught in the second semester of the concerned academic year.

YEAR 1				
Core Code	Module	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
ECON 1001Y(1)		Fundamentals of Economics	3+0	6
LAWS 1005(1)		Legal Framework of Government ¹	3+0	3
ECON 1009Y(1)		Introduction to Economic Institution and Policy	3+0	6
STAT 1007Y(1)		Quantitative Methods for Social Scientists	3+0	6
SOCI 1206(1)		Gender and Economics ²	3+0	3
CSE 1010e(1)		Introduction to Information Technology	3+0	3
2 GEMs				6
YEAR 2				
Core Code	Module	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
ECON 2016Y(3)		Market Analysis	3+0	6
ECON 2017Y(3)		Economic Policy Analysis	3+0	6
ECON 2171(3)		Fundamentals of Econometrics ²	3+0	3
STAT 2006Y(3)		Research Techniques	3+0	6
ECON 2022Y(3)		Government Finance	3+0	6
ECON 2023Y(3)		Public Sector Governance	3+0	6
Electives- Choose Any One				
ECON 2005Y(3)		Economics of Industry and Labour	3+0	6
ECON 2024Y(3)		Economics of Poverty	3+0	6
YEAR 3				
Core Code	Module	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
ECON 3019Y(5)		Current Public Policy Issues in Mauritius	3+0	6
ECON 3006Y(5)		International Economics	3+0	6
ECON 3005Y(5)		Development Economics	3+0	6
ECON 3103(5)		Welfare State and Social Policy ¹	3+0	3
ECON 3000(5)		Dissertation		10
YEAR 4				
Core Code	Module	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
STAT 5101		Applied Research Methods ¹	3+0	3
ECON 5032		Financial Governance	3+0	6
ECON 5033		Leadership, Strategy and Performance in the Public Sector	3+0	6
ECON 5034		Theories and Polices of Development Governance	3+0	6
ECON 5201		Public Sector Management and Policy ²	3+0	3
ECON 6000		Dissertation		12

Electives- Choose Any One			
ECON 5102	Environmental Economics and Sustainable Development ¹	3+0	3
ECON 5103	Issues in Public Policy ¹	3+0	3

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