

MA Public Policy and Administration - SH507

1. Objectives

The objectives of the above Programme are as follows:

- (i) to provide a postgraduate level educational opportunity for employment in the public sector and for government officials in economic, social and public affairs ministries, non-profit organisations, parastatal autonomous bodies and local government and others in the private sector to acquire skills in policymaking;
- (ii) to prepare individuals to assume key positions of responsibility in government, international institutions and in the private sector by upgrading their knowledge and skills to comparable international standards;
- (iii) to develop the ability to identify problems and the capacity for decision making, leading to practical solutions of regional and international problems; and
- (iv) to enhance the individual's capacity to meet emerging challenges within an organisation with a view to increasing domestic and international competitiveness in a rapidly changing global environment.

2. General Entry Requirements

Successful completion of an undergraduate degree with

- at least a Second Class or 50%, whichever is applicable or
- a GPA not less than 2.5 out of 4 or equivalent, from a recognised higher education institution

OR alternative qualifications acceptable to the University of Mauritius

3. Programme Requirements

Same as above.

4. General and Programme Requirements – Special Cases

The following may be deemed to have satisfied the General and Programme requirements for admission:

- (i) Applicants who do not satisfy any of the requirements as per Regulations 2 and 3 above but who submit satisfactory evidence of having passed examinations, which are deemed by the Senate to be equivalent to any of those listed.
- (ii) Applicants who do not satisfy any of the requirements as per Regulations 2 and 3 above but who in the opinion of Senate submit satisfactory evidence of the capacity and attainments requisite to enable them to pursue the programme proposed.
- (iii) Applicants who hold a full practising professional qualification obtained by examination.

5. Programme Duration

	Minimum (Yrs)	Maximum (Yrs)
Master's Degree:	2	4
Postgraduate Diploma:	2	4

6. Credits per Year: As per University Regulation

7. Minimum Credits Required for Awards

Master's Degree:	39
Postgraduate Diploma:	27

Breakdown as follows:

	Core	Electives	Dissertation	Total
Master's Degree:	18 credits	9 credits	12 credits	39 credits
Postgraduate Diploma:	18 credits	9 credits	-	27 credits

8. Assessment

Each module will be assessed over 100 marks with details as follows (unless otherwise specified):

Assessment will be based on a written examination of 2 to 3 hour duration (normally a paper of 2 hour duration for modules carrying less or equal to three credits and 3 hour paper for modules carrying six credits and on continuous assessment done during the semester or year. 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).

The continuous assessment will count for 30 – 40% of the overall percentage mark of the module(s). Continuous assessment may be based on seminars and/or assignments and should include at least two (2) assignments/tests per module. There will be a compulsory class test for all modules taught in semester 1 at the end of semester 1 of the given academic year unless stated otherwise in the Programme Structure.

An overall total of 40% for combined continuous assessment and written examination components would be required to pass the module at Degree level, 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.

An overall total of 50% at MSc and Postgraduate Diploma Levels 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.

Submission Deadlines for Dissertation

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

9. Repeat and Termination of Registration

If the CPA of a student is < 40 for an academic year, s/he will have to repeat the entire academic year, and retake modules as and when offered. However, s/he will not be required, if s/he wishes, to retake module(s) for which **Grade C** or above has been obtained.

Students will be allowed to repeat **only once** over the entire duration of the Programme of Studies.

Registration of a student will be terminated if

- (i) the CPA < 40 at the end of an academic year and the student has already repeated one year of study; or
- (ii) the maximum duration allowed for completion of the Programme of Studies has been exceeded.

10. Choice of Electives

Students will be required to submit their choice of electives in order of priority by the middle of Semester 1 of Year 1.

The University reserves the right not to offer a given elective module if the critical number of students is not attained and /or if there are resource constraints. Additional electives may also be offered, depending on availability of resources.

11. Important Note

The rules as stipulated in this Programme Structure and Outline Syllabus will replace all other rules and regulations found in previous Programme Structures.

12. List of Modules

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
<u>CORE MODULES</u>			
ECON 6001	Foundations of Public Policy	3+0	3
ECON 6002	Policy Planning and Programme Evaluation	3+0	3
ECON 6004	Research Methods for Policy Makers	3+0	3
ECON 6012	Development and Public Governance	3+0	3
MGT 6114	Strategic Management for Public Administrators	3+0	3
MGT 6116	Human Resource Management and Development	3+0	3
ECON 6000	Dissertation	-	12
<u>ELECTIVE MODULES</u>			
ECON 6003	Public Finance and Budgetary Policy	3+0	3
ECON 6005	Social Security and Fund Management	3+0	3
ECON 6006	Health Services Policy	3+0	3
ECON 6007	Environment and Natural Resource Analysis	3+0	3
ECON 6008	Economics of Public Utilities	3+0	3
ECON 6009	Political Management and Public Affairs	3+0	3
ECON 6010	Local Public Administration	3+0	3
ECON 6011	International Relations and Diplomacy	3+0	3
SCPL 6001	Social Policy and Administration	3+0	3

13. Programme Plan - MA Public Policy and Administration

YEAR 1

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk	Credits
CORE			
ECON 6001	Foundations of Public Policy ¹	3+0	3
ECON 6002	Policy Planning and Programme Evaluation ¹	3+0	3
ECON 6004	Research Methods for Policy Makers ²	3+0	3
ECON 6012	Development and Public Governance ²	3+0	3
MGT 6114	Strategic Management for Public Administrators ¹	3+0	3
MGT 6116	Human Resource Management and Development ²	3+0	3

YEAR 2

CORE

ECON 6000	Dissertation	-	12
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ELECTIVES

CHOOSE AT LEAST 3 MODULES (2 IN SEMESTER 3 AND 1 IN SEMESTER 4)

SCPL 6001	Social Policy and Administration ³	3+0	3
ECON 6003	Public Finance and Budgetary Policy ³	3+0	3
ECON 6005	Social Security and Fund Management ³	3+0	3
ECON 6006	Health Services Policy ³	3+0	3
ECON 6007	Environment and Natural Resource Analysis ³	3+0	3
ECON 6008	Economics of Public Utilities ⁴	3+0	3
ECON 6009	Political Management and Public Affairs ⁴	3+0	3
ECON 6010	Local Public Administration ⁴	3+0	3
ECON 6011	International Relations and Diplomacy ⁴	3+0	3

Notes:

- (i) Electives will be offered subject to critical mass of students and availability of Faculty resources.
- (ii) Relevant modules from other postgraduate programmes in the department may also be offered.
- (iii) ^{1, 2, 3 and 4} represent modules taught in semester 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively but examined at the end of the academic year.