

MA PUBLIC POLICY (F/T) – SH545

1. Objectives

The full time MA Programme offers a comprehensive understanding public policy processes at different stages. This will encompass methods for formulating and selecting policies, programmes and expenditures and application of new and conventional theories and principles for improving public sector governance and service delivery. Moreover, this Programme fits well within the context of a global and market oriented economy and addresses the challenges that public policy making must address.

At the end of the programme students should be able to demonstrate a thorough intellectual grounding and practical experience in the processes of policy making, as well as an understanding of the range of knowledge and skills they need to be effective in the world of policy.

2. General Entry Requirements

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

3. Programme Requirements

To enrol for the MA Programme, the student should satisfy all the entry requirements and should have a CPA of at least 50%.

4. Programme Duration

	Normal	Maximum
MA Public Policy	1 1/2 years	3 years

5. Minimum Credits Required for Postgraduate Degree Award (MA Public Policy): 36

MA (1 1/2 years) Programme Credits from		
Core Taught Modules	Dissertations	Electives
24	9	3

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	18
Statistics	3
Management	3
Dissertations	9
Electives	3
Total	36

6. Credits per Year

Maximum credits per semester (including Retake Modules) - 24

Minimum credits per semester - 3 credits

(or as prescribed by the Faculty/ Centre concerned)

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 30% to 40% 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 will be carried out at the end of the Semester in which they are taught (unless stated otherwise).

An overall total of 40% 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

- **First Draft: Mid of December in the Final Year.**
- **Final Copy: Last working day of January in the Final Year by 4.00 p.m. at latest.**

9. List of Modules

CORE MODULES			
Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk	Credits
ECON5127	Research Methods for Policy Making	3+0	3
ECON 5018	Policy Analysis and Economic Management	3+0	3
MGT 6114	Strategic Management for Public Administrators	3+0	3
ECON 6001	Foundations of Public Policy	3+0	3
ECON 5216	Economics of Regulation	3+0	3
ECON 5217	Trade Policy and International Economic Diplomacy	3+0	3
ECON 5102	Environmental Economics and Sustainable Development	3+0	3
ECON 5031	Financial Development Policy	3+0	3
ECON 6000	Dissertation		9
	ELECTIVES CHOOSE ONE FROM		
ECON 5118	New Institutional Economics	3+0	3
ECON 5119	Economics of Social Protection	3+0	3
ECON 5122	International and Global Affairs	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.

10. Programme Plan: MA Public Policy

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.

CORE MODULES			
Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk	Credits
YEAR 1			
SEMESTER 1			
ECON 5127	Research Methods for Policy Making	3+0	3
ECON 5018	Policy Analysis and Economic Management	3+0	3
MGT 6114	Strategic Management for Public Administrators	3+0	3
ECON 6001	Foundations of Public Policy	3+0	3
SEMESTER 2			
ECON 5216	Economics of Regulation	3+0	3
ECON 5217	Trade Policy and International Economic Diplomacy	3+0	3
ECON 5102	Environmental Economics and Sustainable Development	3+0	3
ECON 5031	Financial Development Policy	3+0	3
	ELECTIVES CHOOSE ONE FROM		
ECON 5118	New Institutional Economics	3+0	3
ECON 5119	Economics of Social Protection	3+0	3
ECON 5122	International and Global Affairs	3+0	3
YEAR 2			
SEMESTER 1			
ECON 6000	Dissertation		9

Notes: (a) All Modules taught in a Semester are examined at the end of that semester

(b) Dissertation:

- First Draft: Mid of December in the Final Year.
- Final Copy: Last working day of January in the Final Year.

(Students are advised to submit their research proposal at the end of June after First Year Exams)