



Overview

The 2-year Master in Public Policy (MPP) programme provides a strong foundation in conceptual and analytical skills for future public service leaders and individuals with an interest in understanding and influencing how public policy choices are made.

A typical MPP class brings together 60 talented and committed students – many in the early phases of their careers – from Asia and beyond to study with expert and dedicated faculty. Immersed in this richly diverse environment, and meeting often in small study groups, MPP students learn to confidently apply economic and management ideas and tools to analyse, design and manage efficient and effective public policies and organisations. The School's emphasis on problem-based learning and use of case studies focuses students' minds on complex real-world problems rather than simple textbook examples. MPP students also have ample opportunity to hone their skills in achieving a consensus for action through effective oral and written communications.

MPP students benefit from the School's growing network of exchange arrangements of up to 1 year with public policy schools worldwide. The School also conducts an active programme of seminars and public lectures by political, not-for-profit and business leaders to enable all students to complement their formal learning with the opportunity to interact with distinguished individuals who are shaping the future.

The School is proud of the fact that many MPP graduates have gone on to serve the public interest in international and national organisations in Asia and beyond.

Areas of Concentration

In particular, MPP students deepen their understanding of a specific field by focusing on one of five areas of concentration:

- Development Studies
- Economic Policy and Analysis
- International Relations and Security Studies
- Social and Environmental Policy
- Public Management and Governance

Grants

The School provides a number of grants to students. Although the specific value and coverage may vary, a grant will generally cover 20% of tuition fees, as well as cover additional fees and provide a modest stipend. For the remaining portion of the tuition fee not covered by the grant, grant recipients may apply to NUS for a tuition fee loan. More specific information on grants will be communicated to you if you are successful in your application.

Scholarships

The scholarships below are offered on a competitive basis. Applicants must have good academic and professional records. They must also have demonstrated leadership and a desire to contribute to public service. Not all the awards will be made unless there are candidates of sufficient merit. Scholars may not concurrently hold any other scholarship, fellowship or award without the prior approval of the School.

There is no bond or obligation for the scholar to be employed by NUS or in Singapore.

Note 1: The following items are covered by the terms of the relevant scholarships:

- A monthly stipend throughout the period of the award
- A one-time book allowance
- A one-time settling-in allowance
- Shared housing
- Tuition, health insurance, examination and other approved fees
- Cost of travel from home country to Singapore on award of the scholarship
- Cost of travel from Singapore to home country on graduation

Admissions Policy

The objective of the MPP programme's admissions policy is to select a diverse group of students who have not only outstanding academic ability but also the potential for career growth and who are committed to public service. The selection procedures are stringent as the programme is an intensive professional course of study leading to positions of responsibility.

Candidates accepted into the programme will normally be older than the average graduate student. Although those with less experience will be considered, the MPP candidate preferably should have at least two years' experience in a public service environment.

Graduates of the programme are likely to pursue careers with national, regional or international governments; nonprofit organisations; the media; public sector planning firms; international corporations; and other agencies devoted to the public interest.

Criteria for Selection

Intellectual Distinction - Demonstrated by prior academic achievement, recommendations, analytic training and examples of written work.

Personal Character and Leadership Capabilities - Demonstrated by prior achievements in extracurricular, civic or community activities and employment history through recommendations.

Eligibility

To be considered for the Master in Public Policy programme, you must have:

- a National University of Singapore (NUS) honours degree (at least 2nd Upper) or an equivalent degree, such as a 4-year Bachelor degree with an average grade of B or better; or
- a good Bachelor degree and passed the School's placement test.

Other qualifications and experience may be accepted subject to approval by the NUS Board of Graduate Studies. Applicants should preferably have some background in economics and mathematics.

Note: These minimum requirements do not imply automatic admission into the programme.

Standardised Test Scores

If your native language is not English or your undergraduate degree programme was not conducted in English, you must submit your test scores for the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System).

- 580 on the TOEFL paper-based test
- 237 on the TOEFL computer-based test
- 85 on the TOEFL internet-based test
- 6.5 on the IELTS test

Scores for the TOEFL and IELTS are valid for 2 years.

For more information about the TOEFL or IELTS, and for instructions on registering, please contact the Educational Testing Service, Rosedale Road, Princeton, NJ, 08541, U.S.A (for TOEFL) or visit the websites www.toefl.org (for TOEFL) and www.ielts.org (for IELTS).

Application for MPP 2010 programme

To apply to the MPP programme, you must submit a complete application package that includes all of the following items:

1. Completed admissions application form
2. Application fee
3. Official transcripts and certificates
4. Standardised test scores
5. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score (if available)
6. Curriculum vitae/ resume
7. Essays
8. References
9. Completed financial aid application form (if applicable)
10. Copy of passport, identity card or birth certificate

The application form must be completed in English. Non-English supporting documents must be accompanied by a notarised English translation. The originals of submitted documents must be furnished for verification at student registration. Students found to have given inaccurate or false information will be required to withdraw from the MPP programme. Your full name, as written on page one of the application form, should appear on every document submitted. Please call our attention to any variation in your name that may appear on any material submitted.

It is your responsibility to ensure that all application material are mailed in time to reach the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy by the relevant deadline. We regret that late applications will not be accepted. They will instead be considered for the following intake.

Deail: http://www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/MPP_Application.aspx

The application deadline for applicants applying for scholarships or grants is **31 January 2010**. For applicants not seeking financial assistance, the application deadline is 31 May 2010.

Enquiries

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