

# Executive Master of Public Administration (310JA.1)

Please note these are the 2021 details for this course

## Domestic students

Selection rank	PG
Delivery mode	
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	1.5 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis
UAC code	
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.5 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent). <a href="#">View IELTS equivalences</a>

## International students

Academic entry requirements	To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page.  <a href="#">View UC's academic entry requirements</a>
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# About this course

## Administer a rewarding career in the public sector

If you are an aspiring future leader who is keen to work in a high-level position within the public sector, this multidisciplinary degree will arm you with the leadership and policy skills you need to manage organisations and direct public sector change.

With core subjects delivered by the Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis (IGPA), the EMPA is specifically designed for students who have been nominated by the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) – a global leader in education and government-focused research relevant to the public sector. The course content draws on case studies and features practical interactive sessions, delivered by leading academics and guest speakers with extensive government experience.

## Study an Executive Master of Public Administration at UC and you will:

- understand the various kinds of operational capabilities available to public sector managers and know how they can be mobilised
- enhance your skills in people and knowledge management, contracting, partnering and inter-organisational collaboration in the public sector
- have an enhanced knowledge and understanding of the applicable elements of law, convention, practice and ethics
- have an applied appreciation of the role of legislation, regulations and conventions and their importance to good government
- acquire an understanding of leadership, public/private/community comparisons, the development of leadership capabilities and how to align organisational culture.

## Work-integrated learning

You will undertake a specialised work-based research project as part of IGPA's Work Integrated Learning (WIL) program, which will enhance your employability and ensure you are armed with the right mix of skills and knowledge to take a confident leap into your future career in the public sector. You will be encouraged to apply your existing professional knowledge and undertake new research to identify and explore real-world problems and solutions, reflecting on practical experiences and using your own employment context, if applicable.

The EMPA offers opportunities to study abroad and encourages project-based interaction with fellow students across Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. The course is taught by a mix of academics, public servants, former politicians and journalists, and guest speakers from industry are regularly invited to deliver sessions on key strategic issues.

## Career opportunities

- Chief administration officer
- Public administration consultant
- General operations manager
- Labour relations manager
- Program analyst
- Program director
- Director of development

## Course specific information

Applicants must meet normal University requirements for admission to a master's degree course or hold qualifications deemed to be equivalent by the University's Admissions Committee. You must also have at least five years' relevant work experience and have been accepted as a candidate for the degree by ANZSOG.

Students must undertake subjects to a minimum of 9 credit points at the University of Canberra to be eligible to take out the award at the University.

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## Assumed knowledge

None.

## Periods course is open for new admissions

This course is not open for new admissions.

## Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules and university policy](#).

# Course requirements

## Executive Master of Public Administration (310JA) | 36 credit points

### Required Units - Must pass 27 credit points as follows

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

- Decision Making Under Uncertainty: ANZSOG (6428) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Delivering Public Value: ANZSOG (6429) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Designing Public Policies and Programs: ANZSOG (6430) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Governing by the Rules: ANZSOG (6431) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Government in a Market Economy: ANZSOG (6432) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Leading Public Sector Change: ANZSOG (6433) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Work Based Research Project: ANZSOG (9687) | 6 credit points – Level P
- Managing Public Sector Organisations: ANZSOG (9688) | 3 credit points – Level P

### Restricted Choice - Must select 1 of the following

#### Option 1 - 9 credit points as follows

##### Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

- Governance in Business and Government PG (6426) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Special Topics in Business and Government G (9376) | 3 credit points – Level G

##### Part B - Must pass 6 credit points from the following

#### Option 2 - Must pass 9 credit points from the following

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

# Typical study pattern

## Course information

### Course duration

Standard three semesters. Maximum eight semesters.

### Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Understanding of how the international political environment affects organisational objectives.	Analysis and inquiry Problem-solving Working independently and with others
The ability to bring a strategic perspective to all policy program design work.	Analysis and inquiry Problem-solving Working independently and with others
The ability to recognise problems from symptoms, identify opportunities for action and manage risks in delivering value to the community.	Analysis and inquiry Problem-solving
The capacity to link theory to practice.	Analysis and inquiry Problem-solving Working independently
The ability to apply research methods and undertake independent research.	Analysis and inquiry

	<p>Problem-solving</p> <p>Working independently and with others</p>
<p>Undertake primary research both within a collaborative team based framework and independently.</p>	<p>Analysis and inquiry</p> <p>Problem-solving</p> <p>Working independently and with others</p> <p>Professionalism and social responsibility</p>
<p>Knowledge of key governance debates in the academic and grey literatures.</p>	<p>Analysis and inquiry</p> <p>Problem-solving</p> <p>Working independently</p>
<p>Written and verbal communication skills to engage in informed debates of public sector issues.</p>	<p>Communication</p> <p>Analysis and inquiry</p> <p>Problem-solving</p>
<p>To be able to accurately use, interpret and draw inference from information gathered as evidence to support routine and strategic decision-making.</p>	<p>Analysis and inquiry</p> <p>Problem-solving</p> <p>Working independently and with others</p>
<p>An understanding of how good communication skills can improve all aspects of policy development, policy advising and program implementation.</p>	<p>Communication</p> <p>Analysis and inquiry</p>

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Problem-solving

Skills	Analysis and inquiry
A critical understanding of the central concepts relating to public administration, public management and public policy.	Problem-solving

Ability to network across government and levels of government.

Professionalism and social responsibility

Enhance service delivery and policy outcomes across the public sector.	Analysis and inquiry
	Problem-solving
	Working independently and with others
	Professionalism and social responsibility

Understanding of the different modes of governance available to deliver different public goods and services.

Analysis and inquiry

Problem-solving

Working independently and with others

Application of knowledge and skills	Professionalism and social responsibility
Are prepared for, and committed to, excelling in a public sector career.	

Research skills as evidenced by the dissertation project output.

Analysis and inquiry

Problem-solving

Working independently and with others

Professionalism and social responsibility

Knowledge  A broad view of public management, service delivery and policy analysis across the spectrum of public sector activities.	Analysis and inquiry  Problem-solving  Working independently and with others
Appreciation of the different kinds of value created by public sector organisations.	Analysis and inquiry  Problem-solving  Working independently and with others
Awareness of the strengths, weaknesses and suitability of selected quantitative and qualitative methods for gathering data.	Analysis and inquiry  Problem-solving
Exhibit an understanding of how to conduct research in accordance with ethical principles.	Analysis and inquiry  Problem-solving  Working independently and with others  Professionalism and social responsibility

## Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Executive Master of Public Administration	EMP

## Honours



None.

## Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Current and Commencing Students	In person Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis student support area, Building 23, Level B, Room 8 or email <a href="mailto:IGPA.CourseAdvice@canberra.edu.au">IGPA.CourseAdvice@canberra.edu.au</a>
Prospective Students	Email <a href="mailto:study@canberra.edu.au">study@canberra.edu.au</a> Ph 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)

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