

Master of Public Administration (737AA.5)

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Domestic students

Selection rank	PG
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.5 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent). View IELTS equivalences
Duration	1.5 years
UAC code	880205
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis
Location	UC - Canberra, Bruce

Fees 

Per Unit	Per Annum	Full Course
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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](#).

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CRICOS code 052831G

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About this course

Enhance your leadership career in the public service

If you are an existing public servant, or aspire to be one, then the Master of Public Administration (MPA) can help you achieve your goal. This course is equally desirable for those wishing to work in either the community sector or for international organisations, as it provides strong competency-based learning and development in policy, finance, project management, delivery and communications. Delivered by the Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis (IGPA) and co-designed by leading academics and senior administrators, this course will help you gather an impressive list of core professional skills in the areas of public management, policy analysis and leadership.

The flexible weekday evening program allows you to boost your ethical research proficiencies by undertaking a dissertation in an area related to your interests or past employment experience. You can also choose elective units from within IGPA, or from across UC's other faculties if they are approved by the MPA course convenor, which allow you to study issues of relevance to your future career. Upon graduation, you will be well-placed to enhance your career opportunities at both the national and sub-national levels of the public services sector.

Study a Master of Public Administration at UC and you will:

- gain a broad view of public management, service delivery and policy analysis across the spectrum of public sector activities
- understand how the international political environment affects organisational objectives
- understand the different modes of governance available to deliver specific public goods and services

- accurately use, interpret and draw inference from information gathered as evidence to support routine and strategic decision making
- gain a critical understanding of the central concepts relating to public administration, public management and public policy.

Work Integrated Learning

A key component of IGPA's MPA is to undertake a specialised research project of your choosing, 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 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
- Human services director
- Public works director
- Policy officer
- Communications officer
- Public administration consultant
- General operations manager
- Labour relations manager
- Financial manager
- Program analyst
- Program director
- Director of development
- Grant administrator
- Fundraising manager

Course specific information

Students must have a degree or equivalent and no less than two years of relevant work experience OR an honours degree or equivalent, as approved by the University's Admissions Committee.

Essential knowledge for this course includes: a good working knowledge of the public sector; commitment and the ability to contribute to class learning, to learn from others and to share learning in the workplace; strong commitment to career development and to a career in the public or third sectors; and capacity to complete a rigorous master's program.

Desirable but not essential knowledge would include some familiarity with fundamental theories and concepts underpinning effective performance in public sector management and policy development, a good feel for the difficulties of delivering results in government and experience of applying theory and analysing data to solve real-world management and policy problems.

Students who have completed a Graduate Certificate at IGPA can top up their qualification to earn the MPA.

Students can exit the MPA after completing 12 credit points and will gain a Graduate Certificate in Public Administration.

Admission requirements

Applicants must have a degree or equivalent as approved by the University's Admissions Committee and not less than 2 years of relevant work experience OR an Honours degree or equivalent as approved by the University's Admissions Committee prior to admission.

Assumed knowledge

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Periods course is open for new admissions

This course is not open for new admissions.

Credit arrangements

A credit transfer arrangement is available for this course for the following institutions:

Universitas Gadjah Mada

[Magister Administrasi Publik \(23830\)](#)

Universitas Indonesia

[Master of Public Administration \(21241\)](#)

Course requirements

Master of Public Administration (737AA) | 36 credit points

Required - Must pass 36 credit points as follows

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- Graduate Certificate in Public Administration: Students must complete units 8556, 6260, 6268 and either 9802 or 9376 to be eligible for this award.

[Management Dissertation PG \(6254\) | 6 credit points – Level P](#)

[Managing Government Finance G \(6260\) | 3 credit points – Level G](#)

[Public Policy PG \(6268\) | 3 credit points – Level P](#)

Research Methods PG (6270) | 3 credit points – Level P

Public Administration G (8556) | 3 credit points – Level G

Special Topics in Business and Government G (9376) | 3 credit points – Level G

Leading and Managing Change G (9802) | 3 credit points – Level G

Note:

- One elective subject offered at UC with the agreement based on the recommendation of the Program Director

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

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Managing Government Finance G \(6260\)](#)

[Public Administration G \(8556\)](#)

[Public Policy PG \(6268\)](#)

[Research Methods PG \(6270\)](#)

Semester 2

[Advanced Policy Analysis PG \(9686\)](#)

[Leading and Managing Change G \(9802\)](#)

[Special Topics in Business and Government G \(9376\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Management Dissertation PG \(6254\)](#)

[Understanding Governance PG \(9685\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

Standard three semesters full-time or equivalent. Maximum eight semesters.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
<p>Knowledge</p> <p>A broad view of public management, service delivery and policy analysis across the spectrum of public sector activities.</p>	<p>Analysis and inquiry</p> <p>Problem-solving</p> <p>Working independently and with others</p>
<p>Appreciation of the different kinds of value created by public sector organisations.</p>	<p>Analysis and inquiry</p> <p>Problem-solving</p> <p>Working independently and with others</p>
<p>Understanding of how the international political environment affects organisational objectives.</p>	<p>Analysis and inquiry</p> <p>Problem-solving</p> <p>Working independently and with others</p>
<p>Understanding of the different modes of governance available to deliver different public goods and services.</p>	<p>Analysis and inquiry</p> <p>Problem-solving</p> <p>Working independently and with others</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>

	Working independently and with others
Knowledge of key governance debates in the academic and grey literatures.	Analysis and inquiry Problem-solving Working independently
Skills A critical understanding of the central concepts relating to public administration, public management and public policy.	Analysis and inquiry Problem-solving
Awareness of the strengths, weaknesses and suitability of selected quantitative and qualitative methods for gathering data.	Analysis and inquiry Problem-solving
Written and verbal communication skills to engage in informed debates of public sector issues.	Communication Analysis and inquiry Problem-solving
The ability to apply research methods and undertake independent research.	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

<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> <p>Problem-solving</p>
<p>The ability to recognise problems from symptoms, identify opportunities for action and manage risks in delivering value to the community.</p>	<p>Analysis and inquiry</p> <p>Problem-solving</p>
<p>The capacity to link theory to practice.</p>	<p>Analysis and inquiry</p> <p>Problem-solving</p> <p>Working independently</p>
<p>Application of knowledge and skills Enhance service delivery and policy outcomes across the public sector.</p>	<p>Analysis and inquiry</p> <p>Problem-solving</p> <p>Working independently and with others</p> <p>Professionalism and social responsibility</p>
<p>Exhibit an understanding of how to conduct research in accordance with ethical principles.</p>	<p>Analysis and inquiry</p> <p>Problem-solving</p> <p>Working independently and with others</p> <p>Professionalism and social responsibility</p>
<p>Undertake primary research both within a collaborative team based framework and independently.</p>	<p>Analysis and inquiry</p>

	Problem-solving Working independently and with others Professionalism and social responsibility
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Research skills as evidenced by the dissertation project output.

Analysis and inquiry

Problem-solving

Working independently and with others

Professionalism and social responsibility

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Master of Public Administration	M PubAdmin
Master of Public Administration in Border Management	MPA BorderMgt
Master of Public Administration in Corporate Governance	MPA CorpGovernance
Master of Public Administration in Education Leadership	MPA EdLeadership
Master of Public Administration in Public Policy	MPA PubPolicy
Master of Public Administration in Revenue Management	MPA RevenueMgt

Honours

None.

Alternative exits

The Graduate Certificate in Public Administration is an exit award.

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Current and Commencing Students	In person, Student Centre Building 1 (take a BGL Faculty course advice ticket) or Email bglstudent@canberra.edu.au
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Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge

and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.