



MPA (Coursework)

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Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Department: School of Public Management and Administration

Programme Code: 07251153

SAQA ID: 6279

Faculty Notes

The Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences aspires to be at the cutting edge of economic, financial and management education, as well as research and community engagement within the national, African and global context. Our mission is to advance relevant knowledge and develop employable, innovative and diverse graduates to co-create value for society.

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Minimum duration of study

1 years, full-time

Total credits

180



Admission Requirements

1. Relevant bachelor's degree
2. A cumulative weighted average of at least 60% for the bachelor's degree
3. Administrative and managerial experience, preferably in the public sector, as deemed adequate and appropriate by the Departmental Postgraduate Selection Committee

Additional Requirements

1. A candidate may be refused admission to a master's degree by the Director of the School of Public Management and Administration if he/she does not comply with the standard of competence in the subject as determined by the department - with the provision that a candidate who does not comply with the required level of competence, may be admitted, provided that he/she completes additional study assignments and/or examinations.
2. The number of students will be determined in line with the growth strategy of the University of Pretoria as approved by the Executive.

Other programme-specific information

Seven prescribed modules as well as a mini-dissertation must be completed. The programme must be completed within two years after the first registration for the degree. The Dean may, at the recommendation of the Postgraduate Committee, cancel the registration of a student during any academic year if his/her academic progress is not satisfactory.

General Information

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.



Minimum credits: 180

This degree is offered over a maximum of two years. All coursework modules to be completed in Year 1 of registration and the mini-dissertation to be registered in Year 2 of study. Degree must be completed within two years.

Core modules

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Period of presentation Semester 1 or Semester 2

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Period of presentation Semester 2

Research proposal to be submitted during year one and a supervisor will be allocated. Candidate to identify one of the specified areas (energy, water, sanitation or roads and transport) to conduct the research within a managerial and administrative context.

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Period of presentation Semester 1 or Semester 2

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[PAD 803 Strategic capability and leadership 803](#) Credits: 20.00 Module content:

Leadership theories

Leadership styles in the public sector

Ethical leadership

Regulatory framework in the public sector

Communication

Decision-making

Team roles

Planning and objective writing

Performance information in the public sector

Management processes



Project and change management
Leadership challenges in the public sector

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Period of presentation Semester 1

[PAD 804 Programme and project management 804 Credits: 10.00](#) Module content:

Fundamentals, aims and concepts of programme and project management

Legislative and policy framework

Programme and project governance

Programme and project lifecycles

Programme and project methodology

Business process reengineering

Management of systems in public organisations

Strategic and operational management

Monitoring and evaluation and programme performance management

Budget programmes

Programme and project applications

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Period of presentation Semester 1 or Semester 2

[PAD 899 Mini-dissertation: Public administration 899 Credits: 60.00](#) Module content:

To be registered simultaneously with the course work modules.

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Period of presentation Year

[FHB 800 Financial resource management 800 Credits: 20.00](#) Module content: •

[HPB 801 Human resource management 801 Credits: 20.00](#) Module content: •



[NME 801 Research methodology 801 Credits: 20.00](#) Module content:

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[OXA 800 Public policy analysis and problem solving 800 Credits: 10.00](#) Module content:

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[PAD 801 Public administration and management theories: selected topics 801 Credits: 20.00](#) Module content:

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Annual increase information:

- Module pricing is subject to change at the beginning of every year without prior notice.
- UPOne tuition fees will increase annually by approximately 5%.
- The annual increase will apply from the March intake, which is the second intake of the year.
- If the programme fee is paid in full upfront the student is still liable for the difference between the upfront payment and increased amount until the completion of the programme.
- If you have any historic debt owed to the University of Pretoria, any payment you make will go towards settling that debt first.
- All-inclusive total programme cost.

- SA/SADC
- International

Code	Module	Duration	Credits	Cost
Core modules				
FHB 800	Financial resource management 800	20.00		TBA
HPB 801	Human resource management 801	20.00		TBA
NME 801	Research methodology 801	20.00		TBA
OXA 800	Public policy analysis and problem solving 800	10.00		TBA
PAD 801	Public administration and management theories: selected topics 801	20.00		TBA
PAD 803	Strategic capability and leadership 803	20.00		TBA
PAD 804	Programme and project management 804	10.00		TBA
PAD 899	Mini-dissertation: Public administration 899	60.00		TBA
Totals				180.00 TBA

Enquiries about the programme

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How to apply



Online Application





Note: Also consult General Rules and Information on the Yearbook website for additional information.

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