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# MPA (Coursework)

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

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Programme Code: 07251153

SAQA ID: 6279

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## 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

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## Total credits

180

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## 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.

## 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

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**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Period of presentation** Semester 1 or Semester 2

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**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.

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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

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**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

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Management of systems in public organisations  
Strategic and operational management  
Monitoring and evaluation and programme performance management  
Budget programmes  
Programme and project applications

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**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.

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**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Period of presentation** Year

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

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

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[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: •

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

### **Annual increase information:**

- Module pricing is subject to change at the beginning of every year without prior notice.
- UP Online 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.

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<b>Code</b>	<b>Module</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Core modules</b>				
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	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>180.00</b>	<b>TBA</b>

### 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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