



PhD *Public Policy*

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

Programme Code: 07267114

SAQA ID: 7385

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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Programme Information

All postgraduate programmes are not offered every year. Please consult the relevant faculty concerning the presentation of this programme.

(See General Regulations G.42 to G.54).



Minimum duration of study

2 years, full-time

Total credits

360

Admission Requirements

- An accredited master's degree in Public Administration or a related discipline from an accredited tertiary educational institution.
- A minimum of 65 % for the master's dissertation which must have been externally examined.
- All applicants are subject to a selection process by a departmental panel of academic experts (the Postgraduate Committee of the SPMA) in accordance with departmental prerequisites.
- The Postgraduate Committee of the SMPA may set additional admission requirements in accordance with the area of specialisation of the candidate.
- A preliminary research proposal on a topic selected in consultation with the assigned study leader will be submitted to the Post Graduate Committee of the SPMA.
- The decision of the Postgraduate Committee of the SPMA is final.

Additional Requirements:

Candidates will only be considered for admission to the PhD (Public Policy) if the Postgraduate Committee of the School of Public Management and Administration is convinced that the applicant has the necessary expertise to complete the required seminar in the field of Public Administration successfully and has gained sufficient research knowledge on the master's level to conduct research for and complete a doctoral thesis. The Dean has the right of authorisation regarding matters not provided for in the General Regulations or the Faculty regulations.

Due to capacity constraints, there is not an intake of new students every year and if offered, only limited numbers can be accommodated. It remains the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the degree they wish to apply for, will indeed be offered.

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Other programme-specific information

PBP 995 Thesis Public Policy in accordance with the General Academic Regulations of the University of Pretoria applying at the time of registration.

Minimum credits: 360

Core modules

[PAD 950 Research proposal: PBP 900 950 Credits: 0.00](#) Module content:

The philosophy of science; Scientific thinking and research action. Science and theory; Academic writing; research structure/theses; sources and referencing. Critical theories and analyzing the body of knowledge for each theory. Advanced qualitative research methods; Advanced quantitative research methods; Proposal design and defence.

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Period of presentation Year

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.

- SA/SADC
- International



Code	Module	Duration	Credits	Cost
	Core modules			
PAD 950	Research proposal: PBP 900 950	0.00		TBA
	Totals	0.00		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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