

MAdmin (Public Management and Policy) - 07251162

Summary of the programme

The SPMA offers an integrated degree, namely the MAdmin in Public Management and Policy (07251162), which combines two degrees previously offered separately, namely the MAdmin in Public Management and Public Administration and the MPhil in Public Policy. The programme is a research-focused degree which caters for students who have successfully completed an honours degree in Public Administration, Public Management or a related field of study. A student's research topic will determine which trajectory (public administration, public management or public policy) is followed by an individual student.

The MAdmin programme aims at providing graduates, public managers and administrators with the key research skills they need in order to investigate and address the various challenges faced by the public sector in the context of a developing or transitional country. The programme targets individuals who have research and/or practical experience and who are motivated to investigate, assess and analyse the controversies, challenges and issues associated with the core functions of the public sector. Students are expected to come up with solutions that would enhance the capabilities of the public sector and not to merely describe problems. The programme would also prepare students to gain insights into the challenges and opportunities of a career in today's public administration and management environment as they will be exposed to various research methods and comparative approaches related to the discipline while focused on their selected subject area or topic. Candidates must write their thesis on a topic that is in line with the Department's research focus areas.

The programme is designed to meet the needs of a new generation of leaders in South Africa and even beyond the national borders as it intends to assist students to confront the challenges faced by the public sector through meaningful research projects.

Admission requirements

The detailed selection criteria set out below, should be read in conjunction with the Postgraduate Selection Regulation contained in the postgraduate yearbook of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences. Should you not have access to this document, please click on the following link: <https://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/2023/EMS-faculty/MA-programmes/view/07251162> before proceeding.

The minimum selection requirements of the MAdmin in Public Management and Policy are as follows:

- Students must have completed a BAdmin Honours degree in Public Administration and Public Management or a relevant degree and must have achieved an average of at least 65% for all modules in that programme.

A research proposal must also be submitted in order to be considered for the programme. Candidates must write on a topic that is in line with the Department's research focus areas (See list below). The template for writing a research proposal can be found on the Department's website. Please click on the following link <https://www.up.ac.za/school-of-public-management-and-administration/article/42650/postgraduate>

SPMA research focus areas

HYBRID GOVERNANCE: PUBLIC POLICY AND PRACTICES

(Systems and structures)

- Public policy (social, economic, political, health)
- Intergovernmental relations
- Networks / bureaucracy / agility / adaptability
- Organisational studies
- Public sector ethics
- Service delivery
- Financial management
- Co-production in policy-making/public services
- Human resource management
- Citizen participation
- Technology innovation
- Collaborative governance

LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION

(People and behaviour)

- Leadership and/or development
- Finance
- Gender
- Human resource management
- Management techniques
- Behavioural public administration
- Public sector
- Ethics
- Service delivery
- Technology innovation

TEACHING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

(Training and capacity)

- Pedagogy
- Assessment
- Content and design
- Public sector training