MADMIN (PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND POLICY)

What is the MAdmin degree?

The MAdmin in Public Management and Policy programme (07251162) is a Research Master's degree offered by the School of Public Management and Administration (SPMA). The programme is a research-focused degree which caters for students who have successfully completed an honours degree in Public Administration or Public Management or a related field of study. The student's research topic will determine which trajectory (Public Administration, Public Management or Public Policy) he/she will follow.

Can I do this programme on a part-time basis?

No, it is not a part-time programme. This is a full research-based programme. After attending the compulsory module NME 801, contact will only be between you and your supervisor in the process of completing your dissertation.

What is the prescribed duration of the MAdmin programme?

The minimum requirement is one year and the maximum is two years. Beyond two years, a student should provide a valid and acceptable reason to remain in the programme. Otherwise, the departmental Postgraduate Committee reserves the right to discontinue the registration of a student who has not completed the studies within the prescribed time.

What is the core focus of the MAdmin degree?

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 a developing or transitional country context. 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.

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.

SPMA Research Focus Areas

Research topics can relate to any of the following fields or 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

What are the prerequisites for admission to the degree?

The detailed selection procedure is set out below and should be read in conjunction with the Postgraduate Selection Regulations? contained in the postgraduate yearbook of the Faculty

of Economic and Management Sciences. Please click on the link:
https://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/2023/EMS-faculty/MA-programmes/view/07251162

The minimum selection requirements for the MAdmin in Public Management and Policy are the following:
- Students must have completed a BAdmin Honours degree in Public Administration and Public Management or a relevant degree with an average of at least 65% for all the modules in that programme.
- A research proposal must also be submitted. Candidates must write on a topic that is in line with the school's research focus areas (see list above). The template for writing a research proposal can be found on the School's website: http://www.up.ac.za/en/school-of-public-management-and-administration/article/42650/postgraduate

How do candidates apply for admission?

The application period is from 01 April 2023 to 31 October 2023 for South African citizens and from 01 April 2023 to 31 August 2023 for non-South African citizens for studies commencing the following academic year. No late applications will be allowed. Shortlisting takes place in November 2023 and the Postgraduate Committee will inform applicants towards the first week of November if they are successful or not via Faculty Administration. Due to capacity constraints only few students can be admitted.

The **online application process** is as follows:

1) Complete the application documents online before the due date.
2) The application should consist of the following:

    2.1 Online application via the university website: Please click here: https://www.up.ac.za/online-application

    2.2 Certified copies of official academic transcripts.
    2.3 Certified copies of all qualifications obtained.
    2.4 A copy of your (Identity Document, transcripts, certificates and research proposal) needs to be submitted before 30 September 2023 to the Postgraduate Coordinator at odile.steyn@up.ac.za or 012 420 4198 of the School of Public Management and Administration, Room 3-109, University of Pretoria.

Can I assume that by applying for the MAdmin degree and meeting the requirements that I will automatically be admitted?

No. The MAdmin Admissions Committee considers all applications equally and a variety of factors influence admittance such as availability of supervisory capacity, research focus area and academic records.

I obtained my qualifications in a country outside of South Africa. How does this affect my application for the MAdmin programme?

You are welcome to apply for the programme; however, you need to have your qualifications validated and evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). Without SAQA validation http://www.saqa.org.za/ your application will not be considered.

How much does the MAdmin cost?

Application fee: Consult student affairs at 012 420 3111 or visit the website under https://www.up.ac.za/student-fees/article/2735935/postgraduate-tuition-fees-per-faculty

What is the policy for deregistration or termination of registration?

Should a candidate fail to maintain satisfactory academic progress at any phase of his/her period of study, the supervisor may, in consultation with Faculty Administration, provide the candidate with a warning letter indicating the seriousness of the matter. The candidate will then be monitored throughout. Should the candidate fail to rectify his/her progress and/or improve his/her performance, he or she will have his/her registration terminated by the Dean on the recommendation of the Postgraduate Committee (General Regulation G.32). https://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/2023/rules

Who are the important role-players?

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