

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Public policy analysis and problem solving 800 (OXA 800)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	Master of Public Administration [MPA] (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 contact week per year
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Public Management and Administration
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

- Key concepts in public policy formulation and implementation
- Participants (role players) in policy formulation
- Key concepts in public policy analysis and implementation
- Ethics and policy analysis
- Approaches to policy analysis (A typology) Models for policy analysis
- Policy analysis as a process: A general overview
- Policy analysis as a process: Identifying problems and determining objectives for research
- Policy analysis as a process: Cost effectiveness, alternative options and determination of cost Forecasting and policy analysis
- Methods and techniques in policy analysis: An overview Acceptance and implementations of policy proposals Monitoring and evaluation of policy outcomes
- Pitfalls and limitations of policy analysis
- Design sectoral specific policies to achieve policy objectives
- Direct and control the implementation of sectoral specific policy and limitations of policy analysis
- Problem solving and techniques

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

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they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

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