

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MPA)

Degree awarded: Master of Arts (MA)

Duration of study: 3 semesters

ECTS credits: 90

Language of instruction: English

Mode of study: Full time | Part time

Mode of delivery: E-Learning/Distance Learning
(Online)



PROGRAMME

OVERVIEW

The programme offers the opportunity for specialisation in the field of public administration, both theoretically and practically, opening broad career prospects across the public, private, and non-governmental sectors. It is expected that the Master of Arts in Public Administration will equip its graduates with additional qualifications and enhance their cognitive and managerial capacities, thereby enriching their career opportunities. The programme particularly highlights special legal and administrative issues of great theoretical and practical importance, encouraging a comparative approach within the global and regional context, to address contemporary problems and challenges in a theoretically informed yet practically efficient manner. The programme aims to provide postgraduate education and skills to conduct independent research in relevant fields, achieving a deep understanding of the complexity of public and international affairs and the paramount importance of theoretical and methodological competence in dealing with them.

KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The main academic aims of the programme are:

1. the deepening of knowledge in specialised fields of public administration with theoretical and practical importance, as well as
2. the broadening of the understanding of public administration and its implementation in a comparative regional and international context.
 - Emphasis is placed on both theoretical parameters and practical implementation, with the overall aim of enhancing students' ability to address current challenges and problems across levels of administration.
 - Students are encouraged to engage in academic research and apply best practices and models, thereby gaining a well-founded specialisation in fields of particular importance.
 - Students are encouraged to apply related concepts effectively and soundly in the field of public administration, developing the skills, abilities, and knowledge necessary for improving public governance and enhancing leadership in the public sector.
 - Courses address real-world problems and challenges, guiding students to capitalise on emerging opportunities in public service organisations.
 - The programme combines the best theories and practices, while also encouraging original contributions and specialisation.
 - The programme maintains an interdisciplinary approach to public administration and public management.
 - Focus is placed on systematic research on case studies in Europe, the US, and the rest of the world.



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REQUIREMENTS

Prospective students should be holders of an accredited Bachelor's degree in politics, international relations, governance, European studies, law (BA or equivalent) or a relevant field. A 2: 1 upper second-class honours or equivalent would normally be required. Applicants who do not meet this requirement can still apply upon approval of their academic credentials by the departmental committee. Copies of degrees awarded must be submitted as part of a complete application package.

In addition to the above, applicants must also satisfy the following requirements/submit the following documents:

- Two recommendation letters
- A personal statement by the prospective student expressing his/her interest in following the programme
- Proficient knowledge of English (see below)
- Knowledge of more than one foreign language will be considered an advantage.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Students satisfy the English requirements if their first degree was taught in English. Otherwise, they would need to present a minimum TOEFL score of 550 and above, or Computer-based TOEFL score of 213 and above, or Internet-based TOEFL (iBT) score 79-80 and above, or GCSE (or GCE) English Language "O" Level of "C" or above or IELTS of 6.5 and above or Cambridge Exams (First Certificate with Grade B and above), as well as Proficiency with Grade C and above or a score placement at the ENGL-100 level of the University English Placement Test. The University offers English courses at various levels to help students reach the required standard for admission to a graduate programme.





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LEARNING OUTCOMES

After the completion of the programme, students are expected to:

1

Develop a rich theoretical background about public administration, public management, and public governance.

2

Utilise knowledge to comprehend the intricacies of public policy development, management, and implementation.

3

Analyse and evaluate real problems and propose options and solutions.

4

Identify priority issues and manage planning and executive tasks to address them.

5

Build analytical and communication skills in the working environment.

6

Acquire managerial skills according to the structure, function and requirements of a public sector organisation.

7

Have applied knowledge of contemporary practices, sophisticated methods and models in public governance.

8

Develop critical and analytical thinking by promoting innovation and leadership in public services organisations.

ACADEMIC PATH

SECTION A: MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

ECTS: Min.60 Max.60

COURSE ID	COURSE TITLE	ECTS
MPA-513DL	Planning and Budgeting in the Public Sector	10
MPA-515DL	State Organization and Institutions	10
MPA-523DL	European Institutions and Governance	10
MPA-525DL	E-governance	10
MPA-529DL	Strategic Management in the Public Sector	10
MPA-556DL	Principles of Public Law	10

SECTION B: ELECTIVE COURSES

ECTS: Min.30 Max.30

COURSE ID	COURSE TITLE	ECTS
512DL	Administrative Planning and Management Design	10
MPA-532DL	European Welfare State and Social Rights	10
MPA-534DL	Economy and Politics	10
MPA-535DL	Organization and Administration	10
MPA-555DL	Institutions and Policies of Local Government	10
MPA-560DL	Research Methodology	10
MPA-590ADL	Thesis *	30

* MPA 560DL is included in MPA 590DL for students who will write a thesis.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Master of Public Administration is structured into three academic semesters. In each semester, participants are required to complete 30 ECTS, accumulating 90 ECTS after three semesters of full-time tuition. 60 ECTS are completed through Core Requirements (Semester 1 and Semester 2). 30 ECTS are completed through Electives (Semester 3). During Semester 3, participants must complete either a Thesis (MIR-590DL) or three elective courses. Students who are admitted in the fall (September) have the option to complete their degree in two semesters, plus a summer period, assuming they will take a Thesis that will be completed in summer (or September/October).

TOP REASONS

1

INTERNATIONAL SCOPE

Degree taught in an EU country and with an international focus and case examples from Europe and other regions.

2

WIDE CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates can pursue careers in the local, national, regional and international public sectors, as well as private companies and non-governmental organisations.

3

EXPERT, INTER-DISCIPLINARY FACULTY

The programme is run by faculty with academic expertise and field experience in law, political science, public policy, political economy, public administration, and management.

4

RECOGNITION

Was awarded a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on EU Politics and a Jean Monnet Chair in EU Integration by the European Commission.

5

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Publishes The Cyprus Review, the premier English-language peer review journal on original Cypriot-related research, the Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Review, the only peer review journal with this regional focus, in cooperation with the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and the Public Administration Review.

6

ENGAGEMENT WITH SOCIETY

Established the pioneering think-tank and research unit "Cyprus Centre for European and International Affairs", which stimulates public debate on the broader region.

7

STRONG NETWORK

Runs the Diplomatic Academy, which collaborates with institutions such as the European Parliament Office in Cyprus and the Cyprus Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

8

FLEXIBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

The E-Learning/Distance Learning (Online) format allows students to combine their studies with work or other commitments.

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PASS FOR DOCTORAL DEGREE

This programme enables you to pursue third-cycle studies, e.g., admission for a PhD.



CAREER PROSPECTS

The programme is aimed at individuals holding a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Political Science, Law, or related fields, such as International Relations, European Studies, Governance, or Management. Graduates can pursue careers in various roles across the public and private sectors, including:

- **Public Sector:** Opportunities in ministries, local authorities, diplomatic services, and international organisations such as the UN, the EU, and the OECD.
- **Private Sector:** Positions in multinational firms in areas like consultancy, management, energy security, public relations, and more.
- **Academic and Research:** Roles in academic institutions, research centres, and non-governmental organisations, contributing to research and policy development.
- Graduates may also choose to further their education at the PhD level.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAMME

The Master's in Public Administration is administered by the Department of Politics and Governance, which is part of the School of Law at the University of Nicosia. The Dean of the School of Law is Prof. Achilles C. Emilianides, a practising advocate who specialises in Public, Private and Commercial Law. The Head of the Department of Politics and Governance is Dr. Constantinos Adamides, Associate Professor. Dr. Giorgos Charalambous, an Associate Professor, manages the coordination of the programme.



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