

# GRADUATE PROGRAMMES

## At-A-Glance



### Application period

Applications open on 1st August and close on 15th December (MPP and MIA), and on 31st December (MPA).

Please visit [www.lkyspp.sg/gda3](http://www.lkyspp.sg/gda3) to start your application or scan here!



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### Take Your Career to the Next Level

When you study at LKYSPP, you join a global community of policy professionals and academics. Our graduates have established successful careers in a variety of fields and industries. They are senior civil servants, leaders in government, diplomats. They work in development banks, multilaterals, non-profits. They care about education, economic development, the environment.



*The Master in Public Policy at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy has had a positive impact on both my career and personal development. I fostered lifelong friendships during my studies, and the school provided a global network that has given me a competitive advantage in advancing my professional career. The programme has also broadened my perspective on global challenges.*

**Derm,**  
First Secretary (Economy) at the Embassy of Malaysia, Bangkok, Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI), MPP 2015



*The Master of International Affairs at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy deepened my understanding of global geopolitical and trade dynamics and policy-making. Engaging with diverse, expert faculty and peers sharpened my analytical skills. This experience significantly advanced my career in international trade policy, enabling me to contribute to effective and inclusive global trade solutions.*

**Mekhla Jha,**  
Inclusive Trade Specialist, World Economic Forum, MIA 2022



*The MPA enriched my learning through a wide range of modules. In particular, those that touched on technology and foreign policy gave me greater confidence to take on my new role in a new ministry. To know that I now have friends from 16 other countries is a major plus too!*

**Grace Ho,**  
Assistant Director for International Affairs, Ministry of Digital Development and Information, MPA 2023



## Tuition and Financial Aid



### Fees and Costs<sup>1</sup> (For Academic Year 2024/2025)

|  | Master in Public Policy (MPP)  | Master in International Affairs (MIA) | Master in Public Administration (MPA) |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Tuition fees (Singaporeans)<sup>2</sup></b>           | S\$40,100                      | S\$99,152                             | S\$22,055                             |
| <b>Tuition fees (Singapore PRs)<sup>2</sup></b>          | S\$42,100                      |                                       | S\$23,155                             |
| <b>Tuition fees (International students)<sup>3</sup></b> | S\$64,200                      |                                       | S\$35,310                             |
| <b>Tuition fees without subsidy<sup>4</sup></b>          | S\$89,972                      |                                       | S\$49,485                             |
| <b>Administrative Fee (Estimated)<sup>5</sup></b>        | S\$4,000                       | S\$4,000                              | S\$3,000                              |
| <b>Living costs<sup>6</sup></b>                          | S\$1,920 to S\$2,625 per month |                                       |                                       |
| <b>Student service fee</b>                               | S\$170.00 per semester         |                                       |                                       |
| <b>Health service fee</b>                                | S\$132.50 per semester         |                                       |                                       |

- NUS has adopted a cohort-based fee system. Tuition fees for new students admitted in AY2025/2026 are anticipated to be published between April and June 2025 on [www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-admissions/fees-and-funding](http://www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-admissions/fees-and-funding).
- Fee amounts quoted here for Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents are exclusive of prevailing GST. The applicable GST is subsidised by the Ministry of Education, MOE.
- Fee amounts quoted here for International Students are inclusive of prevailing GST. International Students will have to bear the prevailing GST (currently 9%) levied on the fees payable by them.
- Students who have previously enjoyed government subsidy or sponsorship by a Singapore government agency (such as scholarships offered by the Ministries, Public Service Commission and Statutory Boards) in a graduate programme will not be eligible for Ministry of Education (MOE) subsidy in another graduate programme at the same or lower level. Instead, such students will be liable to pay "Non-Subsidised Fees", inclusive of prevailing GST. For example, students who had previously enjoyed subsidies/scholarship in a Master programme and had attained the Master degree will not be eligible for subsidies in another programme at Master or lower level. For more details, please visit: [www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/graduate/graduate-fees](http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/graduate/graduate-fees).
- Fees include costs such as student development, orientation and programme closure event. These costs may vary from year to year.
- Costs are estimated; visit [www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-admissions/fees-and-funding](http://www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-admissions/fees-and-funding) for a breakdown of costs.
- Fees shown above are inclusive of prevailing GST and are subject to change.

With effect from AY2024/2025, students who accept the offer of admission to the MIA programme, will need to pay an Acceptance fee of S\$5,500 (inclusive of 9% GST). Acceptance fees will be applied towards tuition fees. Acceptance fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

From AY2024/2025 to AY2026/2027, incoming Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents will receive a 40% tuition fee rebate for self-funded programmes while international students who are NUS alumni will receive a 20% rebate.

Students should ensure that they have sufficient funds to cover the costs of their travel to and from the home country, accommodation, and other living expenses. While students are eligible to join the School's medical insurance plan, a co-payment element is applicable. Students are advised to make provision for their own medical expenses



### Scholarships

We offer a number of merit-based scholarships for our Master's programmes. Ideal candidates will showcase exceptional academic and professional achievements, exhibit strong leadership qualities, and have a passionate commitment to public service.

# Master Degree Programmes

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## Master in Public Policy (MPP)

## Master in International Affairs (MIA)

## Master in Public Administration (MPA)

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| <b>Duration</b>                                   | Two years (full-time)  | Two years (full-time)  | One year (full-time)   |
| <b>Admissions criteria</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good Bachelors Degree (Honours – second class and above) or its equivalent</li> <li>2 to 5 years of work experience preferred</li> <li>Demonstrated intellectual distinction, leadership capabilities, maturity, and dedication to public service</li> <li>Proficiency in both written and spoken English is essential</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good Bachelors Degree (Honours – second class and above) or its equivalent</li> <li>Applicants with at least 2 years of work experience preferred</li> <li>Passionate about understanding the transformation that is taking place in Asia and across the world, and are highly motivated, outward-looking, and open to new ideas</li> <li>Proficiency in written and spoken English is critical</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good Bachelors Degree (Honours – second class and above) or its equivalent</li> <li>Minimum 5 years of working experience and attained mid-level managerial position in their careers</li> <li>Aspire to senior management roles and demonstrate commitment towards public service</li> <li>Proficiency in written and spoken English is essential</li> </ul> |
| <b>Curriculum focus</b>                           | Rigorous training for a strong foundation in economics, political science, policy analysis, to enable production of research and analysis of findings for effective programme evaluation and management.   | Highlights Asia's role as a key influencer in world affairs. Programme provides students with a strong foundation in both theoretical frameworks and practical knowledge of multi-disciplinary subfields of international relations, with an immersive experience in Asia.   | Intensive and interdisciplinary training in decision-making and problem-solving; planning of detailed policy responses to complex issues that shape national, regional and global policies and projects.   |
| <b>Core courses</b>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economics Foundations for Public Policy</li> <li>Politics and Public Policy</li> <li>Introduction to Public Management</li> <li>Foundations of Public Policy</li> <li>Methods and Tools for Policy Analysis 1</li> <li>Methods and Tools for Policy Analysis 2</li> <li>Policy Analysis Exercise</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Relations: Theory and Practice</li> <li>Research Methods in International Affairs</li> <li>Comparative Politics</li> <li>Global Politics and the Economy</li> <li>International Relations of Asia</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic Analysis</li> <li>Policy Analysis</li> <li>Public Management</li> <li>Governance Study Project</li> </ul>  |
| <b>International component and double degrees</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exchange programmes</li> <li>Double degrees with overseas partners</li> <li>Double degrees at National University of Singapore (NUS)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exchange programmes</li> <li>Double Degree with overseas partner</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Double degrees at National University of Singapore (NUS)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Specialisations/ Electives<sup>1</sup></b>     | <p>Students may specialise in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economics and Development</li> <li>Politics and International Affairs</li> <li>Management and Leadership</li> </ul> <p>MPP students must read two restricted electives, one from each of the following basket.</p> <p>Basket 1: Programming Tools for Public Policy</p> <p>Basket 2: Analytical Tools for Public Policy</p> <p>Additionally, students must choose five elective courses from their selected specialisation and two other elective courses. Alternatively, students may opt for seven elective courses if they choose not to specialise.</p> <p>Visit <a href="http://www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes/electives">www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes/electives</a> to view the list of electives.</p> | <p>Students may specialise in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Institutions and Global Governance</li> <li>International Security</li> <li>International Economics and Development</li> <li>Regional Studies: The Asia Pacific</li> <li>International Public Management and Leadership</li> <li>Environment and Sustainability</li> </ul> <p>MIA students must read four electives. One of the electives must cover analytical tools and methodologies.</p> <p>Students who wish to specialise must choose at least five elective courses from their specialisation. Alternatively, students may choose not to specialise.</p> <p>Visit <a href="http://www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes/master-in-international-affairs-mia/curriculum">www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes/master-in-international-affairs-mia/curriculum</a> to view the list of electives.</p> | <p>MPA students must take 2 courses from the Management &amp; Leadership Specialisation area.</p> <p>In addition, students must also read any four Elective Courses.</p> <p>Please visit <a href="http://www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes/electives">www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes/electives</a> to see the list of electives.</p>  |

### Professional Development

Professional Development Programmes at LKYSPP emphasises practical skills that are critical for success across the breadth of policy professions. We provide training in essential communication skills, from the basics such as how to frame an argument, to more advanced topics such as writing and delivering speeches. You can also further develop expertise in areas such as strategic communications, negotiation, or storytelling.

### Beyond the Classroom: LKYSPP-in-Asia

This experiential learning programme takes students to a location in Southeast Asia for a few days. During this specially curated, optional programme, you will focus on enhancing your soft skills alongside your classmates. You will explore new places and meet people you might not otherwise encounter. You will develop grit and resilience as you learn to contend with uncertainty. You will leave with a better understanding of the complexities of policymaking and implementation in Southeast Asia, and you will forge stronger connections with your peers, helping you shape a better future.

# Application Document Guide

(FOR APPLICATION TO MPP, MIA AND MPA PROGRAMMES)  
Applications open on 1st August and close on 15th December (MPP and MIA), and on 31st December (MPA).

### Online Application

- Create an online application account at [www.lkyspp.sg/gda3](http://www.lkyspp.sg/gda3)
- Refer to the step-by-step guidelines to assist with your application at [www.lkyspp.sg/gda3guide](http://www.lkyspp.sg/gda3guide)

### Two Essays

- (For MPP and MPA Applicants)
- Answer the two essay questions for the programme you are applying to. Refer to essay questions at [www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-admissions/application-guide/application-checklist](http://www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-admissions/application-guide/application-checklist)
  - Build your central argument focusing on the essay question, giving appropriate examples to substantiate your statements.
  - Be succinct and adhere to the prescribed word limit.

### Curriculum Vitae

- Job history in reverse chronological order (latest to earliest).
- List down (in bullet points) key responsibilities at each job/role.
- Highlight key achievements at each job/role.
- Indicate academic records (Bachelor, Master, Diploma, etc).
- List down awards/scholarships received (if any).

### (For MIA Applicants Only)

- Writing Sample**  
One writing sample of not more than 2,000 words. You may choose the best sample of your writing from a previous submission within your degree programme. Alternatively, your writing sample could be a work of fiction, newspaper article, or an analytical paper you have written.
- Personal Statement**  
In up to 600 words, describe how your personal, academic, and/or professional background motivates your application to the MIA programme.

### Official Academic Transcripts and Certificates

- All transcripts/marksheets for all years of your degree programme, including the grading description, along with your degree scroll.
- The degree documents must be translated into English and notarised, if the original documents were in other languages.

### Two Reports of Reference

- Give details of two referees who can attest to your professional and academic capabilities, leadership potential, as well as team and work ethics.
- For MPP and MIA, referees can be either professional or academic reference(s).
- For MPA, two professional referees are required.
- Referees are advised to submit their reference report via the online application system, as per the template prescribed by the school.

### TOEFL/IELTS Score

- (Not required if bachelor degree was conducted entirely in English)
- If bachelor degree was not conducted entirely in English, please take either TOEFL or IELTS test at your nearest test centre.
  - A score of 100 (TOEFL internet-based test) or 7.0 (IELTS academic test), is preferred.

\*Applicants with qualifications attained in English-medium institutions in Australia, Canada, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, the UK or the US are exempted from providing test score. For qualifications attained in countries not mentioned above, if your Bachelor or Master degree was conducted entirely in English, TOEFL or IELTS test scores may be waived if you provide a letter from your institution.

### Additional Documents

### (For MPA Applicants Only)

- Organisation Chart**  
Describe your current role, key responsibilities, team size, and unit relevance. Include an organisation chart showing your position, two levels above and below.