

When the effective leader is finished with his work, the people say it happened naturally.

- Lao Tsu

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Master in
Public
Administration



Lee Kuan Yew
School of Public Policy



Master in Public Administration

Be equipped to handle complex issues that impact national, regional and global policies and projects.

Accelerate Your Career with the MPA Programme

Our 1-year* full-time Master in Public Administration (MPA) programme is designed for mid-level professionals seeking to advance to senior management roles in public, multilateral and non-profit organisations. The programme's standout feature, the Governance Study Project, offers a unique opportunity for students to conduct research and gain hands-on experience.

* Students can opt to complete the MPA in ten months (instead of one academic year), if they can meet the graduation requirements in two semesters.



Classroom Diversity

The MPA cohort comprises 40 to 60 students from public, private and not-for-profit sectors, from more than 20 economies.



Admissions Criteria

Applicants should have minimum 5 years of working experience and attained mid-level managerial position in their careers. They should aspire to management roles and demonstrate commitment towards public service. Proficiency in both written and spoken English is essential.

Required Documents

- ✓ Online application form
- ✓ Degree scrolls and academic transcript (including grading description)
- ✓ Curriculum vitae or resume
- ✓ TOEFL iBT/ TOEFL iBT Home Edition/ IELTS*
- ✓ Two essays
- ✓ Organisation Chart. Illustrate and clearly point out current position within the organisation, including two levels above and two levels below the applicant's current position.
- ✓ Two letters of reference (professional)

*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 scores. For qualifications attained in countries not mentioned, 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.





Curriculum

The MPA curriculum offers rigorous training for a solid foundation in economics, policy analysis, and public management. This enables students to conduct in-depth research and effectively evaluate and manage programmes. MPA students must complete four core courses, two elective courses from the Management and Leadership specialisation, and four elective courses.

Core Courses

Core courses focus on imparting practical skills, disciplinary knowledge and interdisciplinary competencies that facilitate the work of policy practitioners, researchers, public managers and leaders. They include:

- > Economic Analysis
- > Policy Analysis
- > Public Management
- > Governance Study Project

Governance Study Project

A key feature of the MPA programme, the Governance Study Project (GSP) immerses students in real-world public policy challenges in Asia. This unique initiative aims to expose students to a complex public policy issue relevant to Asia, and share insights on how local policymakers are addressing this issue through a multi-pronged effort.

In this course, students work collaboratively in groups under faculty guidance to develop a comprehensive policy memo and report. This hands-on experience enables students to apply their knowledge and insights acquired throughout the course. The culmination of their efforts is showcased at a conference held at the end of Semester 2, where students present their research findings.

Elective Courses

MPA students must take 2 courses from the Management & Leadership Specialisation area. In addition, students must also read any four Elective Courses.

Please visit www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes/electives to see the list of electives.



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.



Double Degrees

Qualified students can pursue double degrees with the NUS Business School or the NUS Faculty of Law. They include:

- > Master in Public Administration and Master of Business Administration (MPA-MBA)
- > Master in Public Administration and Master of Laws (MPA-LLM)

To apply for the Double Degree programmes, students must do so at the point of application.



Fees and Funding

AY2024 tuition and other compulsory fees are outlined below. AY2025 fees are anticipated to be published between April and June 2025 on www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-admissions/fees-and-funding

MPA Tuition Fees for AY2024 Intake	Semester 1	Semester 2	Special Term	Total
Singapore Citizens ¹	S\$10,025	S\$10,025	S\$2,005	S\$22,055
Singapore Permanent Residents ¹	S\$10,525	S\$10,525	S\$2,105	S\$23,155
International Students (Subsidised Fees inclusive of GST) ²	S\$16,050	S\$16,050	S\$3,210	S\$35,310
Non-subsidised Fees ³ (inclusive of GST)	S\$22,493	S\$22,493	S\$4,499	S\$49,485

¹ Fee amounts quoted here for Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents are exclusive of prevailing GST. The applicable GST is subsidised by the Ministry of Education, MOE.

² 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

Unless you are on a full scholarship, you should ensure that you have sufficient funds to cover the costs of your travel from your home country to Singapore and return, accommodation in Singapore and other living expenses. While all students are eligible to join the School's medical insurance plan, a co-payment element is applicable. You are advised, therefore, to make provision for medical expenses.

For more information on MOE's financial assistance, please visit their website. www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/financial-assistance

Miscellaneous Student Fees

Please note the fees below are applicable if you are accepted into the MPA programme.

Student Service Fee(per semester) : S\$170.00
Health Service Fee (per semester): S\$132.50

Fees shown above are inclusive of prevailing GST and are subject to change.

Additional costs

Additional costs include payment for student development programmes, orientation programme, student pass/visa fees, and the programme closure event. These costs vary from year to year, but are currently estimated to be S\$3,000 for the duration of the programme.

Please visit our website for an estimate of the monthly living costs in Singapore, as well as more information on other fees and financing options: www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-admissions/fees-and-funding



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.

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Application period

Applications open on 1 August and close on 31 December every year.

Please visit www.lkyspp.sg/gda3 to start your application or scan here!



Take Your Career to the Next Level

When you study at LKYSPP, you join a global community of policy professionals and academics. Our MPA 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.

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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!

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Scan the QR code for more information on our Master's programme or to ask us any questions!

