

# M P P

Master in  
Public  
Policy

What you leave behind  
is not what is engraved  
in stone monuments,  
but what is woven into  
the lives of others.

- Pericles



Lee Kuan Yew  
School of Public Policy



# Master in Public Policy

Look forward to studying economics, political science and public management.

## Accelerate Your Career with the MPP Programme

Our 2-year, full-time Master in Public Policy (MPP) provides a strong foundation in policy analysis, programme evaluation and management. Students will be equipped with the necessary skills and competencies to become highly skilled policy-makers and analysts in the public, private or non-profit sectors.



## Classroom Diversity

The MPP cohort comprises 60 to 80 students from public, private and non-profit sectors, from more than 20 economies.



## Admissions Criteria

MPP applicants must demonstrate intellectual distinction, personal character and leadership capabilities. Applicants should hold at least a bachelor's degree, with 2 to 5 years of work experience preferred. Candidates must demonstrate maturity and a dedication to public service. Proficiency in both written and spoken English is essential.

## Required Documents

- ✓ Online application form
- ✓ Degree academic transcript and certificates (including grading description)
- ✓ Curriculum vitae or resume
- ✓ TOEFL iBT/ TOEFL iBT Home Edition/ IELTS\*
- ✓ Two essays
- ✓ Two letters of reference — 1 professional and 1 academic

\*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.



## Curriculum

The curriculum draws from the disciplines of economics, political science and public management and is complemented by a wide range of specialisation courses and electives. Common courses focus on imparting knowledge, developing practical skills and promoting interdisciplinary competencies.

With specialisations, our students will acquire depth and sophistication in their selected areas of policy expertise. To graduate with a specialisation, students will have to pass at least five courses listed in that specialisation along with the respective gateway courses.

## Core Courses

The core courses focus on imparting practical skills, disciplinary knowledge, and interdisciplinary competencies necessary for the work done by policy practitioners, researchers, public managers and leaders.

- > Economics Foundations for Public Policy
- > Politics and Public Policy
- > Introduction to Public Management
- > Foundations of Public Policy
- > Methods and Tools for Policy Analysis 1
- > Methods and Tools for Policy Analysis 2
- > Policy Analysis Exercise

## Policy Analysis Exercise

The LKYSPP Policy Analysis Exercise (PAE) is designed to engage second-year Master in Public Policy (MPP) students in a supervised project with clients from the public, private or people sectors. The PAE presents an opportunity for students to apply the knowledge and tools acquired through the MPP programme to real-world policy issues, while also adding value to the client organisations by generating fresh perspectives and actionable insights. Students work in small groups with a Faculty Advisor (FA) and a client to identify a policy problem, prepare a project work plan, conduct research (including fieldwork, where relevant), and prepare a final project report that is both relevant to the client and consistent with LKYSPP's high academic standards. The PAE culminates with a conference where the student groups present their findings and recommendations to the client.

## Specialisation

Students have the option to gain deeper expertise and sophistication by choosing one of three areas of specialisation:

- > Economics and Development
- > Politics and International Affairs
- > Management and Leadership

Alternatively, students may also graduate without a specialisation.

## Elective Courses

MPP students must read two restricted electives, one from each of the following baskets.

Basket 1: Programming Tools for Public Policy

Basket 2: Analytical Tools for Public Policy

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.

Visit [www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes/electives](http://www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes/electives) to view the list of electives.



### Double Degrees

Qualified students may have the opportunity to pursue a dual degree at our partner institutions, earning two master degree in two years.

Our overseas partner institutions include:

- > Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), United States (Master in Public Policy and Master of Public Administration)
- > The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), United Kingdom (Master in Public Policy and Master of Public Administration)
- > University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP), Japan (Master in Public Policy and Master of Public Policy)

Applications to our overseas partner institutions should be submitted at the end of the first semester at LKYSPP.

Qualified students may have the opportunity to pursue double degrees with our NUS partners, which include:

- > NUS Business School (Master in Public Policy and Master of Business Administration)
- > NUS Faculty of Law (Master in Public Policy and Master of Laws)

Applications for the NUS double degree programmes must be submitted when you apply for admission to LKYSPP.



### 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.



### Exchange Programme

Eligible MPP students may also participate in a one semester exchange programme with our partner institutions.

Visit [www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes/master-in-public-policy-mpp/student-exchange](http://www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes/master-in-public-policy-mpp/student-exchange) to view the list of partner institutions.







## 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](http://www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-admissions/fees-and-funding)

MPP Tuition Fees for AY2024 intake	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4	Total
Singapore Citizens (Subsidised Fees) <sup>1</sup>	S\$10,025	S\$10,025	S\$10,025	S\$10,025	S\$40,100
Singapore Permanent Residents (Subsidised Fees) <sup>1</sup>	S\$10,525	S\$10,525	S\$10,525	S\$10,525	S\$42,100
International Students (Subsidised Fees inclusive of GST) <sup>2</sup>	S\$16,050	S\$16,050	S\$16,050	S\$16,050	S\$64,200
Non-subsidised Fees* (inclusive of GST)	S\$22,493	S\$22,493	S\$22,493	S\$22,493	S\$89,972

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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)

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 at [www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/financial-assistance](http://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\$4,000 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](http://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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All information stated in the brochure is correct at the time of publication (June 2024) and subject to change without notice.



## Application period

Applications open on 1 August and close on 15 December every year.

Please visit [www.lkyspp.sg/gda3](http://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 MPP graduates have forged impactful careers across diverse sectors. They serve as analysts, government advisors, policy strategists, and researchers. They work in global governance, sustainable development, and social justice. They are passionate about education reform, economic policy, environmental sustainability, and public health, driving positive change worldwide.



*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.*

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