3.2.4 Master in Public Administration and Management

Admission Policy

The School seeks a diverse group of candidates who hold senior leadership positions within their organisations and are committed to serving their community.

The MPAM Candidate

The Admissions Committee selects candidates for this programme using a broad set of criteria. In general, the candidate should be an accomplished senior official, holding a decision-making position. He or she should be ready to contribute a unique perspective and experience to the programme to benefit other students, and be ready to contribute back to his organisation and country at the end of his or her training. The ideal candidate is a key member of the organisation and whose MPAM training will be seen as vital in the organisation’s next step forward.

Applicants seeking admission to the course for the degree of Master in Public Administration and Management must have:

- A good honours degree (second class and above) or equivalent (e.g., a four year Bachelor’s degree with at least an average grade of B or equivalent), and at least five years of relevant work experience; or
- A good Bachelor’s degree and successful completion of a placement interview, and at least five years of relevant work experience; or exceptionally
- Other qualifications and experience subject to approval by the NUS Board of Graduate Studies
- Adequate Chinese language abilities

Applicants will also be evaluated on the depth and quality of their experience and leadership capabilities as demonstrated by their professional accomplishments. All applications should preferably be supported by relevant government organizational departments.

Requirements

Candidates will be required to complete 40 modular credits (MCs) or the equivalent of 10 modules. Of the 40 MCs, 24 MCs will be met through core modules and the rest through electives.

Under special circumstances, the LKYSPP Vice-Dean (Academic Affairs), after considering the views of the MPAM Programme Director, may exempt a candidate from taking certain core modules. The candidate must then substitute the core modules with elective modules.

A full-time candidate in the MPAM programme will be expected to read the required modules over 2 semesters and a special term. 16 MCs will be read in each of the regular semesters and 8 MCs in the special term.
A candidate who fails in a core module must retake and pass the examination in that core module in a subsequent semester or the special term. A candidate who fails in an elective module may, subject to approval of the School, retake the module or choose an alternative module and pass the examination in the module in a subsequent semester or the special term.

The MPAM programme schedule and modular credit distribution is as follows:

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<th>PERIOD</th>
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<td>March – July (1st semester)</td>
<td>Orientation 4 modules (4 core)</td>
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<td>Aug-Dec (2nd semester)</td>
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<td>Dec-Jan (Special Term)</td>
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The minimum and maximum candidature period for the MPAM degree shall be 10 months and 4 years respectively.