

MC-PA Master of Public Administration

Year and Campus:	2015 - Parkville
CRICOS Code:	080609D
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Duration & Credit Points:	150 credit points taken over 18 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.
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Course Overview:	<p>The Master of Public Administration is the flagship degree of the Melbourne School of Government. An inter-disciplinary and globally-focused degree, the MPA is for those professional who work with, and within, governments in Australia, the region, and around the world. The MPA draws on the expertise across the University of Melbourne to develop the skills and competencies of professionals who operate in increasingly complex governing environments where challenges cut across disciplinary, organisational, sectoral, jurisdictional and geographical boundaries. The MPA focuses on the role of managers and administrators and offers participants the opportunity to combine disciplinary expertise in political science, law, and economics and professional expertise in areas such as decision making, media and communication management, ethics, project management, strategic management, leadership and negotiation. Participants will mix theory and practice to address the complex challenges of management in practice through an interactive learning experience, combining individual and team-based learning opportunities that allow them to explore a range of contemporary issues. All participants undertake an internship or research project as part of the Melbourne MPA to apply their learning in an individual or team-based experience.</p> <p>In the 150 point MPA, participants choose an elective in consultation with the MPA Director to enable them to explore professional and intellectual interests and to ensure the requisite background for study across the faculties at the University of Melbourne. Drawing on the broader expertise at The University of Melbourne, the MPA offers participants access to a series of master classes with world-leading practitioners and scholars to supplement and extend their intellectual and professional interests.</p>
Learning Outcomes:	<p>The Master of Public Administration will develop future managers and leaders who work within, or with governments in Australia, the region, and across the world. The course will provide a unique learning experience for participants who will develop discipline and interdisciplinary expertise, and hone their professional skills through an interactive approach. Participants will work individually and in teams to address managerial challenges, explore contemporary issues of administration, and reflect on their professional practice. The objectives of the course are to develop adaptive and reflective practitioners who are equipped to address challenges in practice, who can appreciate the complex interconnected world they operate in, from a variety of perspectives, and devise means of addressing these challenges through combining theory and practice in a meaningful way. The 200 point program allows students the opportunity to enhance their educational experience through and additional four elective subjects that can be taken across various faculties at the University of Melbourne. This enables for either additional depth in a particular aspect of the degree, or for breadth across a range of dimensions of the program.</p>
Course Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>150 point program</p> <p>Duration: 1.5 years full-time / up to 3 years part-time</p> <p>The Master of Public Administration 150 point program requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # eight compulsory subjects (112.5 points) # one core subject (25 points) # elective subjects (12.5 points)

Capstone Requirement:

All students are required to complete the Capstone Requirement for the program (25 points). Students must complete one capstone option:

Capstone Stream 1: PPMN90039 Executive Internship (25 points)

Purpose: An opportunity to apply knowledge and skills in to solve problems that arise in professional contexts and develop an integrated understanding of research and practice.

Capstone Stream 2: PADM90004 Minor Thesis - Public Administration (25 points)

Purpose:An opportunity to integrate knowledge and research skills to address a research question; pathway to the PhD.

Capstone Stream 3: PADM90010 Applied Syndicate Project (25 points)

Purpose: An opportunity to work in a team-based project where knowledge and skills are applied to practical project under the supervision of an academic and practitioner expert.

For policies that govern this degree, see **Academic Services Policy** (<http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/policy/index.html>) in the **University Melbourne Policy Framework** (<http://www.policy.unimelb.edu.au/>) . Students also should refer to information in the **Student Policy Directory**. (http://studentpolicy-unimelb.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/studentpolicy_unimelb.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_sid=fgBu7Kcj)

Subject Options:**Compulsory Subjects**

Eight compulsory subjects (112.5 points)

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
PADM90001 Administrative Challenges in Practice	March	25
PADM90002 Managing Effectively	July	12.50
PADM90003 Managing Public Finances	August	12.50
PADM90005 The Nature of Governing	March	12.50
PADM90006 The Rule of Law	April	12.50
PADM90007 The World of Public Administration	February, July	12.50
PADM90008 Using Evidence	October	12.50
PADM90009 Working Ethically	September	12.50

Core Subjects

One core subject (25 points)

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
PADM90004 Minor Thesis - Public Administration	Semester 1, Semester 2	25
PADM90010 Applied Syndicate Project	Semester 1	25
PPMN90039 Executive Internship	Semester 1, Semester 2	25

Elective Subjects

Elective subjects (12.5 points)

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Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
DEVT50002 Poverty, Microfinance and Development	Semester 2	12.50
DEVT90035 Monitoring and Evaluation in Development	Semester 2	12.50
DEVT90039 Civil Society, NGOs and the State	Semester 2	12.50
DEVT90045 Socio-Economic Development	Semester 1	12.50
ECON90009 International Trade and Policy	Not offered 2015	12.50
ECON90015 Managerial Economics	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
ECON90029 Economics For Public Policy	Semester 1	12.50
ECON90032 Macroeconomics for Managers	Semester 1	12.50
ECON90045 Microeconomics 2	Semester 2	12.50
ECON90047 Macroeconomics 2	Semester 1	12.50
ECON90051 Advanced Policy Analysis	Not offered 2015	12.50
ENST90032 Sustainability and Behavioural Change	Semester 1	12.50
FOOD90026 The Politics of Food	Semester 1	12.50
FOOD90027 Nutrition Politics and Policy	Semester 2	12.50
GEND90006 Gender, Globalisation and Development	March	12.50
GEND90007 Rethinking Rights and Global Development	Semester 2	12.50
LAWS70082 Privacy Law	April	12.50
LAWS70100 Environmental Law	Not offered 2015	12.50
LAWS70114 Human Rights of Groups	November	12.50
LAWS70141 Energy Regulation and the Law	March	12.50
LAWS70164 Racing Industry Law and Regulation	Not offered 2015	12.50
LAWS70184 Free Speech, Contempt and the Media	March	12.50
LAWS70196 Human Rights in Administrative Law	Not offered 2015	12.50
LAWS70319 Tax Policy	May	12.50
LAWS70334 Bills of Rights	Not offered 2015	12.50
LAWS70365 International Migration Law	April	12.50
LAWS70366 International Refugee Law	July	12.50
LAWS70368 Law of Intergovernmental Relations	Not offered 2015	12.50
LAWS70391 Human Rights at Work	December	12.50
LAWS70407 Australians Detained Abroad	February	12.50
LAWS70411 Constitutional Problems in Comparison	Not offered 2015	12.50
LAWS70417 Elements of Legislation	Not offered 2015	12.50

LAWS70419 Fundamentals of Regulation	Not offered 2015	12.50
LAWS70425 Money, Law and Politics	November	12.50
LAWS70430 Poverty, Human Rights and Development	April	12.50
LAWS70434 Rule of Law in Asia	Not offered 2015	12.50
LING90026 Transcultural Communication at Work	Semester 2	12.50
MECM90010 Strategic Political Communication	January	12.50
MGMT90011 Managing Stakeholders	Semester 1	12.50
MGMT90012 Managing Diversity	Semester 2	12.50
MGMT90013 Leadership and Team Dynamics	Semester 1	12.50
MGMT90015 Managing People	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
MGMT90016 Performance Management & Reward Systems	Semester 2	12.50
MGMT90022 Managing Organisational Change	August	12.50
MGMT90037 Conflict and Negotiation	July	12.50
MGMT90040 Behaviour & Leadership in Organisations	November	12.50
MGMT90041 Financial & Performance Management	November	12.50
MGMT90045 Marketing for Managers	February	12.50
MGMT90047 Production & Operations Management	May	12.50
MGMT90048 Quant Analysis for Managerial Decisions	May	12.50
MGMT90049 Strategy, Ethics & Governance	February	12.50
MGMT90107 Leadership & Management	August	12.50
MGMT90111 Management and Business Communication	Semester 1	12.50
MGMT90165 Social Entrepreneurship	Semester 2	12.50
MULT50002 Indigenous Peoples in Global Context	February	12.50
MULT90059 Social Enterprise Incubator	Semester 2	12.50
PADM90011 Governing Challenges 1	May	12.50
PADM90012 Governing Challenges 2	October	12.5
PHIL90010 Global Justice	Semester 1	12.50
PHIL90027 The Moral Limits of Markets	Semester 2	12.50
PHIL90028 Trust, Credibility and Expertise	Not offered 2015	12.50
POLS40015 Women in Global Politics	Semester 1	12.50
POLS40017 Social Policy and Development	March, November	12.50
POLS90012 Trade Policy Politics & Governance	Semester 1	12.50
POLS90015 Business and Government	Semester 1	12.50
POLS90016 The United Nations: Review and Reform	Semester 2	12.50

	POLS90034 International Policymaking in Practice	Semester 1	12.50
	POLS90037 Corruption in Today's World	August	12.50
	POLS90045 Governing Money and Finance	Semester 2	12.50
	PPMN90030 Public Policy in the Asian Century	Semester 2	12.50
	PPMN90031 Public Policy Lobbying Strategies	Semester 2	12.50
	PPMN90035 Publics, Policy and Public Services	May	12.50
	PPMN90038 Inequality and Public Policy	Not offered 2015	12.50
	PPMN90041 Commissioning Public Services	March	12.50
	PPMN90045 Government Today 1	Semester 1	12.50
	PPMN90046 Government Today 2	Semester 2	12.50
	SOCI90006 Ageing, Society And Social Policy	March	12.50
	SOTH90005 Social Inclusion, Politics, Recognition	October	12.50
	SOTH90006 Social Inclusion Policy and Practice	May	12.50
	SOCI90010 International Migration	Semester 2	12.5
	PPMN90032 Managing Change and Leading Innovation	October	12.5
Entry Requirements:	<p>1. In order to be considered for entry, applicants must have completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an undergraduate degree in an area related to public administration, with a weighted average mark of at least H2B (70%); and • at least three years of documented relevant professional experience. <p>Meeting these requirements does not guarantee selection.</p> <p>2. In ranking applications, the Selection Committee will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prior academic performance; and • relevance of previous studies; and • the professional experience. <p>3. The Selection Committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the Admission and Selection into Course Policy (http://www.unimelb.edu.au/Statutes/r111a2.html) .</p> <p>4. Applicants are required to satisfy the university's English language requirements (http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/entry-requirements/language-requirements) for graduate courses. For those applicants seeking to meet these requirements by one of the standard tests approved by the Academic Board, performance band 6.5 is required.</p>		
Core Participation Requirements:	<p>For the purposes of considering requests for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this course are articulated in the Course Description, Course Objectives and Generic Skills of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/</p>		
Further Study:	<p>Students who complete the thesis may be eligible to enter the PhD.</p>		
Graduate Attributes:	<p>http://www.unimelb.edu.au/about/attributes.html</p>		
Generic Skills:	<p>Knowledge</p> <p>Graduates will have:</p>		

- # A critical understanding of the operation of governments in Australia, the Asia-Pacific region and across the world
- # A comprehensive understanding and appreciation of the interconnectedness and complexity of the fields of public management and administration
- # A sound understanding of politics, economics, law and science, as they apply to public administration and management processes and decisions

Skills

Graduates will have:

- # A high-level ability to combine theory and practice in a meaningful way in order to address managerial challenges, analyse contemporary issues of administration, and reflect critically on one's own professional practice
- # A high-level ability to combine professional skills such as decision making, media and communication management, ethics, project management, strategic management, leadership and negotiation with discipline-based expertise in political science, law and economics, and to apply this complex synthesis to professional practice
- # A highly-developed capacity to adapt to new situations and reflect upon professional practice in order to most effectively address challenges
- # Well-developed interpersonal and communication skills necessary to a range of professional activities including report writing, workplace discussions, negotiation and management and lobbying strategies
- # Flexible communication skills with a highly attuned sensitivity to a diverse audience, and to the issues specific to cross-cultural communication
- # The ability to draw upon an extensive repertoire of advanced professional skills including skills in leadership, negotiation, decision analysis and strategic management and to apply these skills with an awareness of the ethical implications of strategies and decisions