

INSTITUTE OF POLICY STUDIES
MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS
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General

1. The Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) offers a *programme by coursework* leading to the degree of Master of Public Policy and Management (MPPM).
2. These Regulations must be read in conjunction with Regulations and Procedures for Credit Transfer for GenNEXT Bachelor Degree and Master by Coursework Programmes, UBD Regulations for the Degrees of Master and UBD Examination Regulations for the Degrees of Master.

Admission Requirements

3. For admission to the Programme, an applicant must have:
 - a) An Upper Second Class Bachelor's Degree in a relevant discipline from Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) or a university recognised by the Senate of UBD and at least 5 years' relevant working experience;
 - b) A minimum English qualification of GCE 'O' Level Credit 6 or an IELTS score of 6.0 or a TOEFL score of 550;
 - c) A minimum Mathematics qualification of GCE 'O' Level Credit 6 or one 'Pass' in a subsequent level Mathematics subject;
 - d) Applicants who do not meet the above requirements may be considered on a case-by-case basis, subject to their ability to demonstrate excellence in all three criteria: that they have obtained excellent grades (at least 80-90%) in their work performance appraisals in the last three years prior to the date of their application; that their application is accompanied by a strong recommendation from their employer and/or superior; and that the applicant undergoes an interview given by the IPS admissions committee, in which the committee is fully satisfied with the outcome of the interview, and has full confidence that the applicant is able to perform in the Programme.
4. An applicant may be required to undergo a test or tests as deemed necessary by IPS in order to assess and determine his/her suitability to pursue the Programme.

Duration of Programme

5. The duration of the Programme is 12 months. A candidate will study at Universiti Brunei Darussalam in the first semester (August – December) and will undertake the second semester abroad (January – May) in one of IPS partner policy schools. In the summer semester (June-July), the candidate will return to Universiti Brunei Darussalam to complete the remaining modules of the Programme.

Period of Candidature

6. The maximum period of candidature of the Programme shall be 24 months for a candidate.
7. The Senate may, on the recommendation of IPS, extend the maximum period of candidature for a further period not exceeding 12 months.

Coursework and Examination

8. A candidate must accumulate a minimum of 50 modular credits (MCs) to qualify for the award of the degree, made up of 38 MCs of Core Modules and 12 MCs from Optional Modules (Please refer to Appendix A for Programme Structure).
9. A candidate must have a minimum of 12 MCs from Optional Modules. However, a candidate may take more than 12 MCs of Optional Modules with the permission of the Director of IPS.
10. A candidate will also participate in a one-week study visit during the one semester abroad.
11. For the modules in Universiti Brunei Darussalam, the Director of IPS may recommend barring a candidate from taking the examination prescribed for a module on grounds of unsatisfactory performance in coursework (e.g. non-submission of assignments, practical reports, etc.)
12. All modules shall be graded in accordance to the Grade Point Average (GPA) system stipulated in UBD Examination Regulations for the Degrees of Master.
13. The passing grade and procedures of all examinations are governed by UBD Regulations for the Degrees of Master and UBD Examination Regulations for the Degrees of Master.
14. For the one semester abroad, the credit transfer, passing grade and examinations procedures are governed by Regulations and Procedures for Credit Transfer for GenNEXT Bachelor Degree and Master by Coursework Programmes, UBD Regulations for the Degrees of Master and UBD Examination Regulations for the Degrees of Master.
15. For the modules taken in Universiti Brunei Darussalam, the passing grade in each module is Grade Point 1.5. A candidate who fails to obtain the passing grade (i.e. minimum Grade Point 1.5) in any module shall be permitted to take a supplementary examination for the module.

The Grade Point system is as follows:

Grade	Grade Point
A+	5.0
A	4.5
B+	4.0
B	3.5
C+	3.0
C	2.5
D+	2.0
D	1.5
F	0

16. A module passed in a supplementary examination shall only be given Grade Point 1.5.
17. A candidate shall be terminated from the Programme if he/she fails any core module, after taking into account any supplementary examinations permitted.
18. A candidate must pass all core modules prescribed in the first semester before he/she leaves for the one semester abroad.
19. To graduate, a candidate must obtain a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (cGPA) of 2.5 and satisfy all the degree requirements.

Application of Regulations

20. These Regulations shall apply to all candidates registered for the MPPM programme from August 2018 onwards.

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APPENDIX A
Master of Public Policy and Management (MPPM)
(Starting from August 2018)

Semester One August - December (22 MCs)	Semester Abroad January - May (12 MCs)	Summer Semester June-July (16 MCs)
<p><u>Introductory Week:</u> KP-5115 Quantitative Methods (2 MCs) ----- KP-5108 Economics Foundation for Policy Studies (4 MCs) KP-5114 Statistics and Data Analysis for Policy Makers (4 MCs) KP-5101 Global Public Management (4 MCs) KP-5109 Political Islam (4 MCs) KP-5105 Policy Analysis (4 MCs)</p>	<p>A semester spent in IPS partner policy schools overseas (including a one-week study visit), where students take optional modules (up to 12 MCs only)</p>	<p>KP-5107 Public Finance (4 MCs) KP-5113* Public Policy Analysis Project (8 MCs) KP-5117 The Madinian Polity: Visions of Islamic Governance (4MCs)</p>
<p><i>*For KP-5113 Public Policy Analysis Project, students are required to register the module and begin their project right from Semester One. Final presentations will be conducted only in the Summer Semester. This module carries a total of 8 MCs and is based on individual project submission.</i></p>		

Optional modules offered at IPS:

- KP-5301 Political and International Context of Policy Making
- KP-5302 Managing Policy Change and Leadership
- KP-5303 International Relations and Global Development
- KP-5304 Global Health and Policy
- KP-5305 Socio-Economic Governance and Globalisation
- KP-5306 Energy Policy and Management
- KP-5307 Islamic International Relations
- KP-5308 The Politics of Climate Change