

## Introduction

Faculty of Graduate Studies of the University of Colombo, announces the commencement of its Master programmes in Public Administration & Management (MPA&M) in the academic year 2021/2022.

The programme of study is designed on the one hand for the public sector employees, key players in the process of socio-economic development of a country and on the other hand for the Private sector employees and those who aspire entering into or to engage in activities relating to public administration and public management includes young graduates. MPA & M have been designed to enhance skills and capacities needed for the daunting task of managing public investments and personnel. These courses of studies are designed as online m-Learning Programs so that candidates, who aspire to advance their career relating to local, provincial and national levels of public administration & management, can follow them from their home or office located in any part of the country. The program encourages them to explore theory and practice in both policy analysis and public management that need a mix of skills in order to create career opportunities as managers, analysts and consultants.

The programs of study would not only facilitate candidates to gain advanced knowledge but also help them to put new found knowledge and expertise to practice immediately in their own working environment. The contribution of such candidates to enhance the level of efficiency of the public and private sector delivery and execution of infrastructure and human capital development projects would be the expected outcome of the program.

The study programs provide a broad-based education that will equip the public sector managers with the necessary new knowledge and key transferable skills to begin or enhance their career in public administration & management related activities and business opportunities the course is underpinned by a variety of teaching and learning methods. The objective is to develop and foster self-reliance in analysis and problem solving and to provide with candidates the confidence to seek practical solutions to problems.

## Objectives

The objectives of the programme are as follows:

- To provide the opportunity for public/privet sector candidates with or without work experience, to pursue a course of study in public administration & management to help them find career opportunities and or perform better.
- To impart to them an awareness of the most up-to-date theoretical and practical knowledge in public administration & management and to develop their faculties to use such

- To inculcate in them the skills and the professional competence that will enable them to effectively play managerial roles in challenging situations.
- To improve their capabilities in order to create career opportunities as managers, analysts and consultants.

## Admission Requirements

The minimum entry requirements for the MPA&M shall be as follows:

1. A Bachelor's degree from a recognized University/Institution in Public Administration; **or**
2. Any other Bachelor's degree, with prior learning/work experience in Public Administration; **or**
3. Postgraduate Diploma (SLQF 8) from a recognized University / Institution or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Faculty Board and the Senate of the University of Colombo with prior learning / work experience in Public Administration; **or**
4. Professional qualification in Public Administration from a recognized professional body acceptable to the Faculty Board of the FGS and the Senate of University with prior learning / work experience in Public Administration; **or**
5. Completion of NVQ level 7 (Equivalent to Bachelor's degree in SLQF) with relevant work experience in Public Administration as determined by the Faculty Board and the Senate of the University. **and**
6. A good knowledge of English language and satisfactory performance at a selection test and / or an interview.

Selection of candidates will be made on the basis of their performance at an interview. Depending on the number of applicants, the University reserves the right to conduct an admission test before candidates are called for the interview.

## Medium and Methods of Instruction

English will be the medium of instruction. The teaching method will be m-Learning online with the application of hybrid mode for review workshops. Candidates can follow the courses of study from their place of work or residences and they are not required to come to the University. Candidates will be required to sit the written examination and write an independent study. This programme intends to provide knowledge in a theoretical sense as well as at a practical level.

## Structure of the programme

The MPA & M will be by coursework and seminars. The course will be conducted over one academic year divided into two terms of fifteen weeks each. Evaluation will be made on the basis of candidate's performance at continuous assessments and semester end examinations. These two components will be separately evaluated and scores for each will be added together in order to arrive at the total score for a given course. There will be seven units of courses and an independent study as indicated below:

### MPAM-Semester I

1. MPAM 6101 Public Administration and Governance
2. MPAM 6102 Financial Management
3. MPAM 6103 Project Management
4. MPAM 6104 Strategic Management

### MPAM-Semester II

1. MPAM 6205 Public Procurement Management
2. MPAM 6206 Information System Management
3. MPAM 6207 Research Methods
4. MPAM 6208 Independent Study

### How to apply

Application forms and other information can be obtained from the **Senior Assistant Registrar**, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo, Colombo 3.

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### Fees :

#### **Local Students**

Application fee	Rs. 3,000/-
Registration fee	Rs. 5,000/-
Course fee	Rs. 129,500/-
Library fee	Rs. 1,500/-
Examination fee	Rs. 14,000/-
(2000 * 7 papers)	
Refundable Library Deposit Rs. 5000/- per card	
(Optional)	



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