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## Masters in Public Administration and Masters in Public Policy

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The International Centre for Public and Social Policy, based in the School of Sociology and Social Policy, is a recently established and expanding multidisciplinary centre of research and postgraduate teaching. The Centre brings together academics from within the University, and other universities, as a focus for teaching and research in the fields of public policy, public management and public administration.

The International Centre for Public and Social Policy has been rated by The Guardian as one of the top ten centres for public policy and administration ('Public', November 2004). Its staff are dedicated researchers engaged in projects for a range of UK and international public bodies seeking to inform and improve practice in public service, devoted academics that publish extensively, and committed teachers passionate about social and public policy and administration.

As well as providing opportunities to pursue doctoral research, the International Centre for Public and Social Policy offers the following taught postgraduate programmes:

- Masters in Public Administration (MPA)
- Masters in Public Policy (MPP)

The MPA is rapidly becoming a standard global qualification for public servants.

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## Course structure

Teaching on these two postgraduate programmes is cutting-edge, research-informed, multidisciplinary, and internationally-focused. Full-time students will complete their programme of study within one year, and part-time students in up to four years. There is also a Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Public Administration and PGDip in Public Policy; students pursue the same programme of study as MPA and MPP students but do not undertake a dissertation.

## Masters in Public Administration

**Students must take 180 credits of modules, including a 60-credit dissertation. The core modules for the degree are:**

- Dissertation (60 credits)
- Leadership, Strategy and Performance in the Public Sector (20 credits)
- Public Management and Governance (20 credits)
- Research Methods and the Dissertation (20 credits)
- Constitutional and Public Law (10 credits)
- Making Public Policy (10 credits)
- Managing People (10 credits)
- Public Sector Financial Management (10 credits)

**Students must also take 20 credits of modules from:**

- Comparing Public Policy (10 credits)
- Developments in UK Health and Social Care Policy (10 credits)
- Developments in UK Public Policy (10 credits)
- Globalisation, Europeanisation and Public Policy (10 credits)
- Information Age Management in Government (10 credits)
- International Social Policy (10 or 20 credits)
- Management of Change (10 credits)
- Policy Analysis and Evaluation (20 credits)
- Public Administration in Developing and Transitional Economies (10 credits)
- Public Sector Economics (10 credits)
- Regeneration Management and Policy (10 credits)

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Postgraduate study

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## Assessment

Taught modules on these two programmes are normally assessed by a 3,000-5,000 word essay. Both programmes require students to write a supervised 15,000-word dissertation on a relevant topic.

## Entry requirements

UK applicants will normally be graduates with at least a second class honours degree. Non-graduates with relevant professional qualifications and/or work experience can also be admitted. Non-UK applicants must have at least a good first degree from an institution recognised by the National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC). Non-UK applicants, whose first language is not English and who were not taught in English at degree level, must possess either a score of at least 6.5 (with no less than 6.0 in each element) in IELTS, a score of at least 573 (with at least a 4.5 score in Written English) in paper-based TOEFL, or a score of at least 230 (with a at least a 4.5 score in Written English) in computer-based TOEFL.

## Applications

Apply online at <https://pgapps.nottingham.ac.uk/>

## Enquiries

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