The MPA programme in the Department of Political Science offers an applied, problem-based approach, blending new theoretical developments and practice, with a view to managing public policies domestically and overseas. The MPA aims to provide participants with the practical tools and the academic knowledge that public policy managers need to implement effectively and successfully achieve their agendas.

**Degree summary**

The MPA offers a balanced coverage of a wide range of public administration topics, with a strong focus on managing public services and leadership skills. Participants are exposed to public affairs challenges usually faced by public organisations, or related non-profit and private firms. The programme’s curricular structure and real-world fieldwork opportunities foster the managerial skills needed to meet today’s greater demands for accountability and success from public, non-profit, and private organisations.

- The programme addresses the needs of policy implementation and administration leaders who require management theories but at the same time have to consider the specifics of each of the public, private, and non-profit sectors.
- This MPA will deliver the essential knowledge and skills managers require in order to think creatively and to innovate in an ever more complex and constantly evolving multi-actor environment.
- Programme participants will discover an excellent forum to assess their managerial skills and administration competencies with a view to improving their performance at work.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures and seminars. Assessment is through a variety of methods, including essays, unseen examinations, graded coursework and a dissertation.

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### Degree structure

**Mode:** Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years  
**Location:** London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of two core modules (60 credits), four optional modules (60 credits), and a dissertation (60 credits).

#### CORE MODULES

- Governance and Public Management (30)
- Data Analysis for Policy (30)

#### OPTIONAL MODULES

- Students choose two of the following (the others remain options):
  - Leadership and Organisational Behaviour (15)
  - Policy Implementation (15)
  - Impact Evaluation Methods (15)
  - Public Finance & Budgeting (15)
  - Policy Advice (15)
  - Choose further modules up to a value of 30 credits in total. The following are suggestions:
    - Health Policy and Reform (15)
    - Public Policy Economics & Analysis (PPEA) (15)
    - Making Public Policy (15)
    - Policy-Making & Regulation in Europe (15)
    - The European Union, Globalisation and the State (15)
    - Agenda Setting (15)
    - Strategy and Organisational Change (15)

#### DISSERTATION/REPORT

- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000 words.
Your career

On completion of the MPA, participants will be able to develop their careers further within public, private, or non-profit leading organisations. They will be equipped with the knowledge and the capabilities to take positions of responsibility, administrating and implementing different aspects of public policies.

Employability

The MPA will develop key management skills in administrating and implementing public policies. Students will acquire critical abilities to analyse public policies; they will also develop their leadership capacity and gain understanding of how different institutional arrangements can be used to deliver public services. They will also be exposed to a series of cases to advance their strategic decision-making skills.
Entry requirements

A minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor's degree from a UK university, or 3.3 GPA, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. In addition, two years of relevant work experience will be required.

**English language proficiency level**

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: **Advanced**.

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at: [www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements)

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

// why you want to study Public Administration and Management at graduate level
// why you want to study Public Administration and Management at UCL
// what particularly attracts you to this programme
// how your personal, academic and professional background meets the demands of a challenging programme
// where you would like to go professionally with your degree

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

Application fee: There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. More details about the application fee can be found at [www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application).

FEES AND FUNDING 2018/19 ENTRY

// UK: £17,710 (FT), £8,720 (PT)
// EU: £17,710 (FT), £8,720 (PT)
// Overseas: £24,860 (FT), £12,380 (PT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Current Students website.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: [www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 27 July 2018

Details on how to apply are available on the website at: [www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply)

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EU referendum

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