

this qualification will give the management cadre of the South African public sector exposure to recent trends and developments in relation to the public sector nationally, continentally and internationally. The programme is aimed at providing a platform for expanding students' knowledge in the public sector, as well as building effective and skilled researchers in the field of public governance.

Duration

2 Years

Entrance Requirements

- A Bachelor of Administration Honours or equivalent qualification;
- An appropriate Bachelor's degree at NQF Level 8 in a relevant field;
- A Postgraduate Diploma in a relevant field;
- Attained a level of competence as defined in Rule GR7(b) in the Handbook;
- Selection Programme- the School may prescribe further criteria.

Career opportunities

Diplomat
Municipal Manager
Public Manager
Lecturer
NGO Manager
Administrator
Policy Analyst
Public Services Administrator
Project Administrator
Administrative Service Manager
Activist/ Lobbyist
Communications Officer
Contract Administrator
Program Analyst
Program Director
City Manager
Mayor

Modules

First Year

Semester 1

- 1) PADM8MO Research Methodology and Applied Techniques
- 2) PADM8MT Public Administration and Management Theories
- 3) PADM8WO Advanced Public Sector Financial Management

Semester 2

- 4) PADM8XO Advanced Public Sector Human Resource Management

Choose any two electives from the following Semester 2 electives:

- 5) PADM8PP Project Planning and Management
- 6) PADM8PO Legislative and Ethical Foundations of Public Administration and Development Management
- 7) PADM8NO Sustainable Development and Governance
- 8) PADM8RD Managing Rural Development
- 9) PADM8SG Subnational Governance and Development: Provincial and Local

Note: Not all electives are offered in any given year

Second Year

Semesters 3 and 4

- 10) PADM8O0 Dissertation 96 credits
- Total credits for the qualification 192 credits

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Bachelor of Public Administration Honours



Overview

The purpose of this programme is to provide students with an opportunity to obtain an advanced knowledge of the discipline of Public Administration and Governance by introducing them to theoretical aspects of the discipline and its relation to research and knowledge generation in the discipline. In this regard, and through the research component of the programme, students will develop an awareness of the variety of institutional contexts in which public administration and governance are applied. Further, students will get the opportunity to become acquainted with the practical application of the principles, theories and modules of the discipline in the work environment.

Rationale

South Africa is faced with service delivery challenges relating not only to its historical legacies but also to its current challenge of functioning in a rapidly changing local and global environment. It is not only a developmental state but also a state that strives to become globally relevant and competitive. Responding to these twin challenges requires a public service that is in mindful of South Africa's past, present and future service delivery challenges, alive to the present opportunities and conversant of developments in strategic service delivery processes. There is a critical need to develop public managers that are able to think strategically and act with empathy and in line with Batho Pele principles and the Constitutional values of Public Administration.

The theory and practice of the discipline Public Administration has been given Constitutional status by the South African Constitution of 1996. A wide range of core and elective modules are offered in order to empower students with knowledge, skills and competencies in Public Administration to pursue management level careers in the public sector, not only in the South African context but also within the SADC region and internationally.

The programme is fundamental in meeting the skills deficit and professional ethos of the Public Service.

The programme prepares students for career advancement in the public and non-governmental sectors and broader areas of government and civil society.

The programme empowers students through detailed knowledge of the discipline concerned and by creating an awareness of the variety of institutional contexts in which it is applied.

The programme gives students the opportunity to become acquainted with the practical application of the principles, theories and modules of the discipline in the work environment.

Duration

1 Year

Entrance Requirements

An appropriate Bachelor's degree;

Attained a level of competence as defined in Rule GR7(b) in the Handbook;

Selection Programme- the School may prescribe further criteria.

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Modules

Core modules

- Public Administration Research Project PADM7E0
- Research Methodology in Public Administration & Development PADM7RM
- Public Service Delivery (Theory & Practice) PADM7PO
- Public Sector Financial Management PADM7SO

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- Public Administration Research Project PADM7E0
- Public Sector Human Resource Management PADM7CO

Elective: A minimum of 2 modules

- Public Policy Analysis PADM7F0
- Development Planning and Project Management PADM7H0
- Advanced Local Governance & Development PADM7LG

Master of Public Administration (MPA)

Overview

The programme offers students an opportunity to consolidate theory and practice of public governance within the public and selected non-governmental sectors. The purpose is to promote critical thinking, reflection, analysis and synthesis by introducing the students to academic research into various sub-fields of public governance. The structure and content of the programme is designed to engender in students the capacity to think analytically and synergistically and to engage in research about issues in the public domain. In pursuance of the developmental agenda in the South African context that has been constitutionally mandated, the programme enables students to become more knowledgeable of the broader issues impacting on the public sector and the non-governmental organisation sector, and to engage aspects of public governance within a broader national and international environment. In this way, the programme lays the foundation for the development of a work force at higher levels of public sector management. It also lays a firm foundation for those wanting to pursue doctoral research.

Rationale

There is a national need and demand for this qualification as it focuses on pertinent areas of public sector management, given the Constitutional imperatives. It also takes cognisance of other legislative and policy frameworks. Given the need for capacity development in the South African public sector, it is imperative that managers are adequately equipped in terms of skills and the required management education. It is envisaged that