



MASTER OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

The Master of Public Management programme aims to advance the knowledge, skills, competencies, and behaviour of individuals, organisations, and communities to lead, manage resources, and design and implement innovative and effective programmes and services with a strong sense of public purpose and integrity. It is ideal for professionals aiming to build or advance their management careers in the public and non-governmental sectors. In this programme, you will enhance your understanding of the theory and practice of public management, develop skills and competencies as a manager, and learn ways of improving organisational practices. Our engagement with government agencies will offer you a window into the management processes that influence the strategic and operational direction of public-sector organisations.

The flexible format of this programme allows you to study while in full-time employment. You can tailor your programme according to your specific needs by choosing courses from other disciplines and earning the optional specialisation at the end of your degree. This qualification will help increase your employability in the public sector, such as government, not-for-profit organisations, iwi, and consultancies. You can either enter directly into the Master's programme, or staircase your studies through a Postgraduate Certificate in Public Management and a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be accepted into this programme you will need:

- a Bachelor's degree
- a minimum of two years of relevant work experience
- approval by the academic programme leader to commence the proposed course of study.

If you have not completed a Bachelor's degree, you may still be eligible for admission into this programme if you demonstrate extensive practical, professional, or scholarly experience of an appropriate kind.

PROGRAMME DELIVERY

This 180-point Master's degree is taught at the School of Government, located in the heart of Wellington next to Parliament and major government offices. Most students start in either February or July and complete the programme in a minimum of one year (if studied full time). It is possible to start in November in some cases. Part-time study usually takes two years. There are three modes of class delivery: module format, involving full day classes approximately every six weeks; intensive block format of four consecutive days; and weekly evening classes.

QUICK FACTS



Duration: Three trimesters



Intensity: Full time or part time



Start date: 24 February 2020,
6 July 2020, 9 November 2020



Completion: 180 points (12 courses)



Location: Pipitea campus, Wellington



Entry requirements:
Bachelor's degree and two years of
work experience



Domestic Fees: NZ\$24,973 (based
on 2020 fees and student levies.
Applicants are required to provide
a recent CV)

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COURSE STRUCTURE

The programme comprises twelve 15-point courses, seven of which are required, with the remaining five taken as electives.

PART 1

Includes six courses worth 90 points that develop understanding of public management context, disciplines, and methods.

GOVT 502 Public Mangers and the Policy Process

This course covers different policymaking systems and structures. It includes theories underpinning policy interventions, as well as policy design, implementation, and evaluation. It also covers policy analysis processes, including appropriate modes of citizen engagement.

GOVT 511 Managing for Results

This course examines a range of effective practices for contemporary public managers, including results-based management, digital government and strategic planning in sectors and communities, and critical inquiry into implementation strategies and applications.

GOVT 512 Managing Public Resources

This course covers budget planning, expenditure and reporting, and financial management, as well as the ongoing management of budgets and organisational capital required for the governance of public and community organisations.

GOVT 513 Managing People in the Public Sector

This course highlights recruitment, employment, development, performance, and other strategic human resource management practices. It examines the organisational behaviour and management of people employed in public organisations.

GOVT 514 Leading Change in Public and Community Organisations

This course examines the ongoing leadership and the performance and development of public, community, and indigenous organisations. It focuses on leadership, management, and change in organisations with different structures.

GOVT 561 Research Skills for Public Managers

This course develops transferable research skills for public managers. It considers competing research approaches; identifying research objectives; distinctions from advocacy goals; human research ethics; when, how, and why to use various methods; the creation and use of case studies, and programme evaluation as an evidence-base for public management decisions; and develops students' skills for collecting, recording, and analysing different forms of data.

OR

GOVT 505 An Introduction to Quantitative Analysis for Public Policy

This course is an introduction to the application of the methods of statistical analysis to problems, challenges, and decisions related to public policy. The emphasis is on the intuition of applied statistical analysis, rather than the mathematics and mechanics of the methods.

PART 2

You are required to complete 75 points.

- a) Choose five 15-point courses from the Master of Public Management or the Master of Public Policy schedule.

Development Policy and Management	Policy Analysis and Advising
Digital Government and Public Sector Reform	Politics, Philosophy and Public Policy
Governance for Sustainability and Resilience	Public Integrity
Internship	Politics, Philosophy, and Public Policy
Monitoring and Evaluation	Public Integrity

OR

- B) Select a 75 points from 400- and 500-level courses offered at this university, which may include a coherent specialisation in one of the following disciplines (some of which have pre-requisites):

Economics	International Business
e-Government	Management
Health and Wellbeing	Marketing
Human Resource and Industrial Relations	Tourism Management
Information Systems	

PART 3

Part 3 includes a 15-point capstone course that integrates your previous learning.

GOVT 565 The Future-Facing Public Manager

This course serves as an integrative capstone, drawing together lessons from required Master of Public Management courses and enabling students to explore these within their own future career development. The course highlights key perspectives around the spirit of public service, including issues of diversity, ethics, and integrity, in order to map out possibilities for the future of public service.

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“One of the things I really enjoyed was the way the programme was structured so that it related to a project or a piece of work I was doing in my job. It wasn't just theory. It was relevant to the real-life situations I was facing as a public-sector manager. It was also a good opportunity to network with other public-sector leaders and to have conversations about their roles and the issues they face.”

Reno Paotonu

General manager regional partnerships at the Ministry for Pacific Peoples