

BA (Hons)/MA Public Policy and Governance (F/T) – SH542

1. Objectives

In our world of enormous opportunities and threats, and growing expectations, inequalities, and conflicts, there is much concern on how to better prepare and implement public policy and public action and in the same vein there is a drive for reform of governance and the building of effective institutions around the globe. Hence the BA/MA Programme in Public Policy and Governance provides students with the analytical and policy skills to manage reform processes, together with an in-depth understanding of actions of other organisations undertaken with a public purpose. This four year and a half years full time MA Programme offers the possibility to exit at BA (Hons) in line with current trends for universities in the north. It offers a comprehensive understanding of the stages of public policy processes, methods for formulating and selecting policies, programmes and expenditures and application of theories and principles for improving governance and democracy across a spectrum of issues, including accountability, inclusive democracy, combating corruption and enforcing the rule of law.

At the end of the programme students should be able to:

- master concepts as public policy, governance and democracy, institutional reform, capacity building, accountability and power;
- critically analyse current public sector reform efforts in Mauritius and Africa, and understand how these reforms take place;
- understand how policy making is affected by the complex nature of organisations and evaluate public sector outcomes from a good governance perspective;
- demonstrate the ability to contribute in preparing and implementing creative, realistic and relevant policies.

In terms of career prospects, this programme will enable the students to be employed in the Government Sector, Private Sector, national and international NGOs or donor organisations such as the UNDP, as well as work as community based workers and social workers.

2. General Entry Requirements

In accordance with the University General Entry Requirements for admission to Undergraduate and Postgraduate Degree Programmes.

3. Programme Requirements

At least credit in five (5) subjects at 'O'Level/GCE level, including Mathematics and English and at least pass in 2 subjects at 'A' Level.

To enroll for the MA Programme, that is Year 4, the student should satisfy all the requirements for the award of BSc/BA and should have at least a CPA of 50%.

Note: Students will have to indicate if they wish to proceed with the MA at the end of their 2nd year of study. Students enrolled on the MA Programme will be charged tuition fees.

4. Programme Duration

	Normal	Maximum
BA Public Policy and Governance	3 years	5 years
MA Public Policy and Governance	4 1/2 years	7 years

5. Minimum Credits Required for Undergraduate Degree Award (BA (Hons) Public Policy and Governance): 103

Minimum Credits Required for Postgraduate Degree Award (MA Public Policy and Governance): 139 (103+36)

BA/MA (4 1/2 years) Programme Credits from			
Core Taught Modules	Dissertations	Electives	SuperGEM
102	22	12	6
BA (3 years) Programme Credits from			
Core Taught Modules	Dissertation	Electives	SuperGEM
78	10	9	6

The University reserves the right not to offer a given elective module if the critical number of students is not attained and/or for reasons of resource constraints.

Modules	Credits
Core	
Economics	87
Law	3
Statistics	12
SuperGEM	6
Dissertations	22
Electives	12
Total	142

6. Credits per Year

Minimum 18 credits, Maximum 48 credits, subject to regulation 4.

7. Assessment

Each module will carry 100 marks and will be assessed as follows (unless otherwise specified): written examination of 3-hours duration for modules with 6 credits and 2 hours duration for modules with 3 credits. Continuous assessment will count for 20% - 30% of the overall percentage marks for the BA and 30% to 40% for MA and can be based on seminars and/or assignments. Modules accounting for 3 credits should include at least 1 class test and modules with 6 credits, at least 2 class tests.

Written examinations for all modules, except for DE modules and some semester modules, whether taught in semester 1 or in semester 2 or both, will be carried out at the end of the academic year (unless stated otherwise).

An overall total of (50% at MA and Postgraduate Diploma Levels and 40% at BA level) for combined continuous assessment and written examination components would be required to pass a module, without minimum thresholds within the individual continuous assessment and written examination. The same criterion will apply for modules being assessed jointly. Note that all overall mark for the two modules will be considered and not the individual marks for each of the two modules.

8. Submission Deadline for Dissertation

Degree

Four copies of the dissertation (three spiral-bound copies and one copy on disk) should be submitted to the Faculty/Centre Registry not later than the last working day of March of the academic year.

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- First Draft: End of July in the Final Year.
- Final Copy: Last working day of August in the Final Year.

9. List of Modules

CORE MODULES			
Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk	Credits
ECON 1001Y(1)	Fundamentals of Economics	3+0	6
LAWS 1005(1)	Legal Framework of Government	3+0	3
ECON 1009Y(1)	Introduction to Economic Institution and Policy	3+0	6
STATS 1007Y(1)	Quantitative Methods for Social Sciences	3+0	6
SOCI 1206(1)	Gender and Economics	3+0	3
CSE 1010e(1)	Introduction to Information Technology	3+0	3
Super GEM	Super GEM	3+0	6
ECON 2016Y(3)	Market Analysis	3+0	6
ECON 2017Y(3)	Economic Policy Analysis	3+0	6
ECON 2171(3)	Fundamentals of Econometrics	3+0	3
STAT 2006Y(3)	Research Techniques	3+0	6
ECON 2022Y(3)	Government Finance	3+0	6
ECON 2023Y(3)	Public Sector Governance	3+0	6
ECON 3019(5)	Current Public Policy Issues in Mauritius	3+0	6
ECON 3006Y(5)	International Economics	3+0	6
ECON 3005Y(5)	Development Economics	3+0	6
ECON 3101(5)	Welfare State and Social Policy	3+0	3
ECON 3000(5)	Dissertation		10

STAT 5101	Applied Research Methods	3+0	3
ECON 5032	Financial Governance	3+0	6
ECON 5033	Leadership, Strategy and Performance in the Public Sector	3+0	6
ECON 5034	Theories and Polices of Development Governance	3+0	6
ECON 5201	Public Sector Management and Policy	3+0	3
ECON 6000	Dissertation		12
ELECTIVES			
ECON 2005Y(3)	Economics of Industry and Labour	3+0	6
ECON 2024Y(3)	Economics of Poverty	3+0	6
ECON 3201Y(5)	Health Economics and Policy	3+0	3
ECON 3202(5)	Financial Policy and Management	3+0	3
ECON 5102	Environmental Economics and Sustainable Development	3+0	3
ECON 5103	Issues in Public Policy	3+0	3

10. Programme Plan: BA/MA Public Policy and Governance

1. Modules will be taught in the first semester of the concerned academic year.
2. Modules will be taught in the second semester of the concerned academic year.

YEAR 1				
Core Code	Module	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
ECON 1001Y(1)		Fundamentals of Economics	3+0	6
LAWS 1005(1)		Legal Framework of Government ¹	3+0	3
ECON 1009Y(1)		Introduction to Economic Institution and Policy	3+0	6
STATS 1007Y(1)		Quantitative Methods for Social Sciences	3+0	6
SOCI 1206(1)		Gender and Economics	3+0	3
CSE 1010e(1)		Introduction to Information Technology	3+0	3
Super GEM		Super GEM	3+0	6
YEAR 2				
Core Code	Module	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
ECON 2016Y(3)		Market Analysis	3+0	6
ECON 2017Y(3)		Economic Policy Analysis	3+0	6
ECON 2171(3)		Fundamentals of Econometrics ²	3+0	3
STAT 2006Y(3)		Research Techniques	3+0	6
ECON 2022Y(3)		Government Finance	3+0	6
ECON 2023Y(3)		Public Sector Governance	3+0	6
Electives- Choose Any One				
ECON 2005Y(3)		Economics of Industry and Labour	3+0	6
ECON 2024Y(3)		Economics of Poverty	3+0	6

YEAR 3				
Core Code	Module	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
ECON 3019Y(5)		Current Public Policy Issues in Mauritius	3+0	6
ECON 3006Y(5)		International Economics	3+0	6
ECON 3005Y(5)		Development Economics	3+0	6
ECON 3101(5)		Welfare State and Social Policy ¹	3+0	3
ECON 3000(5)		Dissertation		10
Electives- Choose Any One				
ECON 3201(5)		Health Economics and Policy ²	3+0	3
ECON 3202(5)		Financial Policy and Management ²	3+0	3
YEAR 4				
Core Code	Module	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
STAT 5101		Applied Research Methods ¹	3+0	3
ECON 5032		Financial Governance	3+0	6
ECON 5033		Leadership, Strategy and Performance in the Public Sector	3+0	6
ECON 5034		Theories and Polices of Development Governance	3+0	6
ECON 5201		Public Sector Management and Policy ²	3+0	3
ECON 6000		Dissertation		12
Electives- Choose Any One				
ECON 5102		Environmental Economics and Sustainable Development ¹	3+0	3
ECON 5103		Issues in Public Policy ¹	3+0	3

11. Outline Syllabus

CORE MODULES:

ECON1001Y(1) - FUNDAMENTALS OF ECONOMICS

Price Mechanism. Revenue and Elasticity. Consumer Choice. Theory of Production: Analysis of Costs. Market Structures. Factor Market Analysis. Market Failures and Externalities. National Income Determination. Consumption, Savings and Investment. Monetary Policy and Theories of Inflation. Unemployment. Fiscal Policy. IS-LM Model. International Trade, Balance of Payments and Exchange Rate Regimes.

LAWS 1005(1) - LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF GOVERNMENT

Features of the Mauritian Constitutional Framework. The Republic of Mauritius as a Sovereign and Democratic State. Parliamentary Sovereignty & Supremacy of the Constitution; The Rule of Law and Separation of Powers as the two Pillars of the Constitution; The Constitution as a modified version of the Westminster model. Powers and duties of the President. Organs of the State. Judicial Review of Administrative Action: Nature & Scope; Procedure; Grounds; Remedies.

ECON 1009Y(1) - INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMIC INSTITUTION AND POLICY

Historical Development and Role of Institutions in Fostering Market Efficiency and Allocation of Resources; Institutions and Regulation of the Labour Market. Political and Market Solutions to Collective Problems. Contract Enforcement and Trading Issues; Property Rights in Land, Environmental Resources, Economic Infrastructure. The Public Policy Process; Issues Affecting Policy Success and Policy Failure. Political Economy of Public Policy; Public Policy as a Sustainable Option.

STAT 1007Y(1) - QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES

Functions. Differentiation: Optimization (Constrained and Unconstrained), Integration: Infinite and Definite Integrals, Series, Linear Algebra. Linear Programming, Introduction to Differential Equations,

Descriptive Statistics: Data collection, Data Presentation, Measures of Location, Measures of Dispersion, Index Numbers, Time series, Probability and Probability Distributions. Statistical Inference: Sampling distribution, Point and Interval estimation, Hypothesis testing: Mean, Proportion, Difference between Means and Proportions, Variance, Chi-squared Distribution and Goodness of Fit, Regression and Correlation.

SOCI 1206(1) - GENDER AND ECONOMICS

This module seeks to examine how and why gender is central to economic thinking and policy making and in so doing highlight its importance for development and sustainability.

The topics that the module will cover include:

Gender in economics, gender in the household economy, the private and public sphere, From women in development to Gender and development, gender and the labour market, micro finance and financial inclusion, financing for gender equality, MDGS in the post financial crisis and gender, productivity and gender, the economic costs of gender based violence, gender and green economics, financing social security with a gender perspective, gender budgeting and gender responsive budgets and applications.

ECON 2016Y(1) - MARKET ANALYSIS

Consumer Theory. Theory of production and costs. Market Structures – Perfect Competition, Monopoly, Imperfect Competition. Industry Structure and Performance. Game Theory. Principal-Agent Models. Moral hazard and Adverse Selection. Externalities and Public Goods. General equilibrium and Welfare Economics.

ECON 2017Y(3) - AGGREGATE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Gross Domestic Product, National Income, The Multiplier. Aggregate Demand Aggregate Supply. Inflation and Unemployment. Economic Fluctuations and Business Cycles. Fiscal and Monetary Policy. Money; Banking and the Financial System. International Trade and The Open Economy. Globalisation and Regionalisation.

ECON 2171(3) - FUNDAMENTALS OF ECONOMETRICS

Linear Regression Model: Hypothesis Testing and Inference. Dummy Variables. Multicollinearity; Heteroscedasticity and Autocorrelation. Introduction to Time Series Models. Introduction to Simultaneous Equation Models.

STAT 2006Y(3) - RESEARCH TECHNIQUES

Conceptual issues in research: Scientific thinking, Stages of the research process; Formulation of the research problem: Selection of Topic, Literature Review, Specification of Objectives and Hypotheses; Research Strategies: Quantitative Approach: Survey, Sampling Techniques, Methods of Data Collection, Cross-sectional and Longitudinal Studies, Explanatory Studies. Qualitative Approach: In-depth Interviews, Participant Observation, Focus Groups, Case Study; Ethics in Research; Report Writing and Visual Representation of Results.

ECON 2022Y(3) - GOVERNMENT FINANCE

Public Sector Production and Provision, Government Failure, and Private Sector Participation/Public-Private Partnerships in Production and Provision. Sources of public finance; Assessment of Public Sector Expenditure Efficiency and Effectiveness. Public Sector Investment. Economics of Taxation; Tax Reform. Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations and Local Government Finance. Gender Budgeting, and Financial Management and Control. Deficit Financing; Public Debt; Public Sector Borrowing Requirement. International Finance. Fiscal and Monetary: their Application and Evaluation.

ECON 2023Y(3) - PUBLIC SECTOR GOVERNANCE

Defining Good v/s Bad Public Sector Governance. Public Service and Delivery and Good Governance in terms of Accountability, Transparency; Integrity; Stewardship and Efficiency; Ethics and Democracy. Politics and Governance. Public Sector Procurement. Human Resource Development. e-Governance.

ECON 3019Y(5) - CURRENT PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES IN MAURITIUS

This module deals with public policy issues which are in vogue in the Mauritian Context namely: Human Capital Development and Capacity Building. Environment and Climate Change. Social Protection. Occupation Health and Safety. Poverty and Social Integration. Gender Issues. Ageing Population. Phasing out of Trade Preferences.

ECON3006Y(5) - INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

International Trade Theories: Ricardian and Heckscher-Ohlin Models. The Generic Model and Offer Curves. Imperfect Competition and Intra-Industry Trade. International Factor Movements and FDI. Intertemporal Trade. Trade Strategies and Policies: Instruments of Protection, Effects of Protection on Trade and Welfare, Dumping. Balance of Payments Theory and Policy. Models of Exchange Rate Determination. Expectations and Exchange Rate Dynamics. Stabilization Policies and Exchange Rate Regimes. BoP Crises and Capital Flight. Optimal Exchange Rate Regimes. Optimum Currency Areas and the EU Experience. International Capital Markets.

ECON3005Y(5) - DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

Micro-development Issues: Growth, Inequality and Development. Agricultural Price Policy and Technical Change. Land Reform. Industrialisation, Migration and Unemployment. Political economy of Development Policies. Macro-development Issues: Growth Models, Convergence Controversy, Domestic and External Financing of Development. Two- and Three-Gap Models. International Trade and Development. Structural Adjustment and Trade Policy Reform. Regional Economic Integration.

ECON 3101(5) - WELFARE STATE AND SOCIAL POLICY

Definitions of Social Welfare Policy; Social Problems and Social Welfare Policy Values, Ideology, and Social Welfare Policy. The Role of Government in Social Policy. The Political-Economy of Social Welfare; Researching and Analyzing Social Policies; Case Studies of Specific Social Policy Issues. The Evolution and General and Public Assistance. Issues in Welfare Reform Welfare, International Perspectives on the Welfare State and Dynamics of the Welfare State; Planning the Future of the Welfare State; Future Prospects for Welfare Reform.

ECON 3000 - DISSERTATION

At the end of the third year of the programme, the students will be required to submit a project dissertation. The title of the dissertation has to be approved by the Department of Economics and Statistics and a Project Supervisor identified by the Programme Coordinator. The dissertation topic should preferably be selected from within the area of specialisation pursued by the students. The dissertation length should be in the range of 8,000-12,000 words.

STAT 5101 - APPLIED RESEARCH METHODS

Economic and Social Indicators: Simple & Composite Indicators, Construction and Uses for Policy Decisions. Demographic Analysis: Birth Rate, Fertility and Mortality, Population Growth and Projections: Policy Implications. Applied Statistical Methods using the R Statistical Software: Regression, ANOVA. Logistic and Poisson Regression. Introduction to Multivariate Analysis.

ECON 5032 - FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE

Sources of finance. Liquidity management by Central banks. Government finance. Public sector budget performance. Auditing . Local government finance and expenditure. Social protection and financing.

welfare state and costs of protection. International sources of funds. Grants and loans. International liquidity. Corporate governance and accountability. Fiscal responsibility.

ECON 5033 - LEADERSHIP, STRATEGY AND PERFORMANCE IN PUBLIC SECTOR

Leadership: Art or Science. Theories of Leadership; Environment of Public Sector Leadership; Skill and Style Approaches. Situational and Contingency Theory. Path-Goal Theory; Leader-Member Exchange Theory. Transformational Leadership; Leadership, Empowerment and Performance. Strategy and Negotiations. Leadership Ethics. Performance Measurement and Citizen Participation. Diversity and Performance Management and Monitoring;

ECON 5034 - THEORIES AND POLICES OF DEVELOPMENT GOVERNANCE

History of Development and Public Administration with particular reference to Mauritius. Approaches to Managing Development State-Business Relationships and Economic Progress. Conceptualising Development Governance. Changing Role of Civil Society in Development. Role of International Institutions in Development Policy and Management Development Governance. Climate Change and Disaster Response. New Modes of Regionalising Governance.

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ECON 5201 - PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT AND POLICY

Historical and New Approaches to Public Sector Management; Human Resource Management and Civil Service Reform; Financial Management; Politics and Public Sector Administration and Management; Public Sector Procurement; Capital and Performance Budgeting, Risk Management and Public Private Partnerships; Managing Change in the Public Sector, Public Services Management and Marketing; Project Appraisal and Contingent Valuation; Regulation, Standards and Management of Service Quality; Structure and Processes of Public Policy and Management; Public Policy and Corporate Governance; The Policy of Privatisation and Public Enterprise Reform; Implementation, Evaluation and Monitoring of Public Policies.

ELECTIVES:

ECON2005Y(3) - ECONOMICS OF INDUSTRY AND LABOUR

Structure, Conduct and Performance. Oligopoly Models. The Role of Advertising. Mergers and Acquisitions. Development Costs and Firm's Strategy. Models of the Firm. Integration. Theories. Economics of Innovation. International Trade and Investment. Small Enterprises. Location Analysis. Wage Determination. Unionisation and its Implications. Wage Differentials and Income Distribution. The Economics of Education. Government Intervention. Labour Policy and Economic Management. Migration Mod.

ECON 2024Y(3) - ECONOMICS OF POVERTY

Concepts and Definitions of Poverty. Income Distribution and Inequality. Monetary Causes of Poverty; Issues in Measuring Poverty and Targeting the Poor. Multidimensional Aspects of Poverty and The Capability approach. Social Inclusion and Social Protection, The National and International Policy Architecture for Poverty Reduction and the Role of Poverty Alleviation Programmes and Targeting. Work and Poverty some theoretical formulations about Poverty. Inclusive Growth and Poverty. Trade and Poverty.

ECON 3201(5) - HEALTH ECONOMICS AND POLICY

Health Production Functions and Demand for Health Care. Health Care Insurance, Moral Hazard, and Adverse Selection. Equity, Efficiency and Need. Government's Role in Health Care-Policy. Politics and Process. Health Sector Reform; Health and Economic Development. Cost-Benefit and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis. Health Policy Debate; Government Health Care Policy; Economic Aspects of Health Care Policy; 'Doing' Health Care Policy Analysis.

ECON 3202(5) - FINANCIAL POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Sources of Finance; Budgeting and budgetary control; MTEF. Gender Responsive Budgeting. Financial Planning Systems. Borrowing, Internal and External Debt management. Risk Management Process and Impact of Risk Culture on Risk Management Strategies. Internal versus External Debt management. Capital Budgeting and Capital Programs. Corporate Restructuring; Expenditure Management and Control Techniques. Cost-Benefit Analysis.

ECON 5102- ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Concepts of Sustainable Development. Equity and Efficiency Issues. Market Failures; Externalities; Common Property Goods and Public Goods. Economics of Pollution, Global Environment Change and Policy; Transboundary Pollution; Climate Change Impact and Modelling. Environment Valuation; Cost and Benefit Analysis. Economics of Renewable and Non-Renewable Resources and Policy. Energy Policy. Fisheries and Forests Management; Conservation Policy. Waste Management. Water Scarcity and Policy.

ECON 5103- ISSUES IN PUBLIC POLICY

Interaction between Policy and Politics. Universal Health Care. Population Policy. Public Opinion and the Media. Poverty, Social Integration and Welfare. Housing. Empowerment and Gender Issue.; Renewable Energy and Environment. Tourism Policy and Sustainable Development. SIDs and Economic Resilience. Agricultural Development and Food Security. Transport and Infrastructure. Ageing Population and Social Security Reform. Labour Market and Migration. Monetary and Fiscal Policies in Developing Countries. Economic liberalisation. Financial Stability. Regional Policy.

ECON 6000 - DISSERTATION

Every student has to submit a dissertation of 10,000 – 14,000 words by the end of four and a half years. The dissertation topic should preferably be selected from within the area of specialisation pursued by the student.