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**School of Public Sector Policy and Management**

# MSc Public Sector Management

PROGRAMME DOCUMENT

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### **1. PROGRAMME INFORMATION**

Public policies and Public Management around the world are being rapidly redesigned in the light of the New International Economic Order. New trends such as public expenditure reductions, economic liberalization, public management, the globalisation of economic activities and social processes are making demands on management rationale and thinking. It is against this background that developing countries and newly industrializing economies like Mauritius face the particular problem of how to manage competitiveness and ensure continuously rising standards of living for its citizens all by maintaining social harmony and stability in a multi-ethnic and political context.

Facing these challenges requires a new breed of policy makers and managers, conversant in local and international concerns and issues, multi-disciplinary in approach and multi-skilled in the discharge of duties and responsibilities. This programme provides for training at postgraduate level in the key aspects of public policy-making and public sector management. The unique combination of conceptual, analytical, technical and management skills will prepare professionals tailor-made for the world of policy advocacy and management. Senior Public Servants will find this programme of great value in acquiring the skills they need in today's public policy environment.

The Programme will run over 2 years. Modules will be offered on an afternoon and evening basis. In the last semester candidates will be required to submit a dissertation.

The Programme which is designed for administrators, economists, planners, accountants, academics and researchers concerned with policy-making and management in the public sector will normally accommodate candidates with a first degree, but great importance will also be attached to the candidate's experience.

### **2. PROGRAMME AIM**

The aim of the MPM programme is to develop the intellectual and technical capacities needed in today's public policy and management environment. The programme strives to provide participants with the knowledge and skills required in major areas of public management. Candidates learn about diverse organisational and policy problems, processes that are applicable to the increasingly complex managerial and political context in which they operate and contemporary issues in managing the changing public sector.

### 3. PROGRAMME DURATION

The programme will be offered on a two-year part-time basis and should be completed in a maximum of 4 years.

4. SEMESTER 15 Weeks (Excluding Exam Period)

5. CREDIT SYSTEM 1 module = 3 credits

### 6. CREDITS REQUIRED FOR THE MASTERS DEGREE, POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA OR POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Masters Degree	42 credits (inclusive of dissertation)
Postgraduate Diploma	33 credits
Postgraduate Certificate	18 credits

### 7. STUDENT PROGRESS AND ASSESSMENT

For the award of the Masters degree all modules must be passed overall with passes in the examinations, coursework and other forms of assessment. All modules will have equal weighting (Research Methods in Public Policy and Management will be assessed 100% by coursework).

Written examinations will be of a maximum of 3 hours' duration. Continuous assessment will carry up to 40% of the total marks and will be based on seminars, case studies and/or assignments, etc.

The project/dissertation will carry 300 marks (9 credits).

For the award of the MSc candidates must normally:

- Obtain an overall module average of 50%.
- Have no individual module mark of less than 40%.
- Obtain at least a pass mark of 50% in the dissertation.

As long as the overall module average is at least 50%, marks of between 40% and 49% may be automatically compensated to 50%. No compensation is allowed for individual module marks below 40%. Candidates who fail to achieve a mark of 40% in any module, or an overall module average of 50%, may be allowed to resit such modules only once. A maximum mark of 50% will be awarded to the resubmission of coursework or examinations that have been undertaken due to failing the assessment the first time.

A candidate who fails to achieve a mark of at least 50% in his/her dissertation may be allowed to resubmit the dissertation on one further occasion only within a maximum of six months. A maximum mark of 50% will be awarded to the resubmission of the dissertation.

## Grading

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Marks x (%)</b>
A	$x \geq 70$
A-	$65 \leq x < 70$
B	$60 \leq x < 65$
B-	$55 \leq x < 60$
C	$50 \leq x < 55$
C-	$45 \leq x < 50$
D	$40 \leq x < 45$
F	$x < 40$
A-C	Pass
F	Fail

The following classifications may be used for dissertations:

I	Incomplete
S	Satisfactory (pass)
U	Unsatisfactory
X	Continued Project

## 8. MASTERS DEGREE AWARD CLASSIFICATION

<b>Marks x (%)</b>	<b>Classification</b>
$x \geq 70$	Masters Degree with Distinction
$50 \leq x < 70$	Masters Degree
$x < 50$	No Award

**MSc PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT - PART TIME**  
(Course Director: Mr. D. Padachi)

**PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND PLAN**

YEAR 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L/T	Credits	Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L/T	Credits
ECON 5301	Economics of the Public Sector	3	3	QUAN 5101	Research Methods for the Public Sector**	3	3
ACCF 5101	Financial and Managerial Accounting for the Public Sector	3	3	HRMT 5101	Human Resource Management	3	3
ECON 5302	Perspectives in Development	3	3	GOVT 5101	Public Policy and Government	3	3

\*\* Assessment 100% coursework.

YEAR 2							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L/T	Credits	Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L/T	Credits
MAGT 5201	New Public Management and Governance	3	3	MAGT 5202	Negotiation Strategies and Techniques	3	3
MMIS 5201	Management Information System for the Public Sector	3	3	MAGT 5203	Project Management	3	3
POLS 5201	International Cooperation and Diplomacy	3	3	DISS 5000	Dissertation*		9

\* Dissertation starts in Semester 1 of Year 2. Credits earned at the end of Semester 2 of Year 2

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS: 42 (inclusive of Dissertation)**