

**KATHMANDU UNIVERISTY SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT (KUSOM)**  
**MASTERS IN PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT (MPPM) PROGRAM**  
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)**

**1. Why is MPPM Program important?**

Realizing the need and gaps in public policy, governance and management, the MPPM will engage students in wide range of activities and experiences to enable them with:

- Professional, analytical skills and knowledge to map, analyze and participate in public policy making process and governance
- Analytical skills and practical knowledge of policy making process
- Social policy analyses with distinct theoretical perspectives
- The ability to apply theoretical concepts to practical problem solving through case studies
- Social policy perspective on social equity and justice
- Solid grounding in policy analyses, evaluation and research
- Ability to understand and manage issues in the public sector
- An ability to build managerial capacity and leadership in the public sector
- An understanding of institutional, legal, and procedural attributes of public institutions
- The ability to apply critical thinking and problem solving in regard to issues in the public sector
- An impactful career in public policy analysis and its execution

**2. What are the eligibility criteria to enroll for MPPM Program?**

Candidates are required to fulfill the following criteria:

- Have an undergraduate degree in as political science, social science, economics, journalism, law, business, and other relevant disciplines.
- One to three years of work experience in public, private and academic institutions preferred
- Nepali or non-Nepali national with a two, three or four years Bachelors Degree program; with a minimum of 45 percent in aggregate or CGPA 2.0 on a scale of 4; OR
- Master degree in any discipline with 40 percent in aggregate or CGPA 2.0 on a scale of 4 from university recognized by Kathmandu University; OR
- Six years of work experience and a Bachelor Degree of at least two-year duration in any discipline with a minimum of 40 percent in aggregate or CGPA 2.0 on a scale of 4.

**3. What is the deadline for admission form submission?**

***Tuesday, December 15, 2020.***

**4. Can I submit the application form online?**

You can download application form from KUSOM website. You are required to submit the hardcopy of application form to KUSOM admission office.

**5. What is the fee to be submitted while submitting the admission form?**

The total fee to be submitted is NPR 1000 which includes NPR 300 for the admission form and NPR 700 for admission test.

**6. How much do I need to pay as the admission fee?**

You are required to pay the admission fee in cash at KUSOM admission office while submitting the application form and documents.

**7. Where do I get the admission form?**

You can get the form from either of the following offices or their respective websites:

- KUSOM Admission Office (Balkumari, Lalitpur) by paying NPR 300 or can be downloaded from [www.kusom.edu.np](http://www.kusom.edu.np)
- Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS) Reception Desk (Mandikhatar, Kathmandu) by paying NPR 300 or can be downloaded from [www.iids.org.np](http://www.iids.org.np)

In case you download the forms from the given website you are required to submit NPR 300 while submitting the form.

**8. Where can I submit the form?**

The forms can only be submitted at KUSOM Admission Office. Forms submitted at any other location or in any other mode will not be accepted.

**9. Can someone else submit the application form for me?**

Yes, anyone can submit the application form, but the application form should be properly filled and submitted with required documents on time.

**10. What are the timings of the classes?**

Since the course is majorly directed towards working professionals, the classes will be held either in the morning or in the evening.

**11. What is the estimated cost of this program?**

The total tentative cost of this program is NPR 350,000. However, this amount is subject to change at the discretion of KUSOM, without any prior notice.

**12. When are the classes expected to begin?**

The classes are expected to begin by last week of January, 2021.

**13. Is there a provision for scholarships?**

KUSOM provides scholarships based on merit and financial need of the students.

Government Scholarship on tuition and fees is available for 15 (fifteen) successful candidates employed by the Government from the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration (MoFAGA/GoN). Out of fifteen,

two candidates from each of seven provinces (one from each provincial administration, and another one from a local government within each province), and the remaining one from federal government will be selected on merit basis as per the KUSOM admission criteria.

**14. How are the students shortlisted?**

Potential candidates will have to go through an admission/entrance exam and an interview in order to get enrolled in the program.

**15. What is the program structure and curriculum?**

The MPPM consists of coursework that includes a series of lectures, seminars, and workshops with appropriate blend of theoretical concepts and practical real-life case studies. The program will also comprise of a summer internship for hands-on experience, a capstone project to synthesize the knowledge and experience the students gain over the two years, and a mandatory course on professional development to guide students for a strong and impactful career pathway. These components amount to 66 credits.

Program Coverage	Acquiring Knowledge, Skill and Analytical capacity
<b>Foundation Courses</b>	Basics in public policy, governance, and management; General tools and techniques required for policy analysis and management skills; Fundamental of analytic approaches to public policy, governance and management
<b>Core Courses</b>	Advanced research tools and techniques; Key concepts and understanding of management, public policy, laws and institutions and quantitative analytical tools, Scholarly analysis in public policy and management; Public finance and management (fundamentals of public budgeting, financing and accounting) Program analysis and evaluation: Evaluation tools for public funded programs/projects Public sector management: Contemporary public management and critical management skills for real public affairs/sectors.
<b>Concentration or Specialization</b>	
<b>Concentration or Specialization</b> Social Policy and Justice (SOJ) Federalism and Local Governance (FEG) Development Policy (DEP) Energy and Hydro Power Policy (EHP) Transport and Infrastructure Policy (TIP)	Developing expertise in the specialized area of public policy and management. In-depth analysis and research in specialized areas such as social justice and diversity, regional planning, federalism and local governance, underlying cause of development and under-development, energy crisis and hydro power potentials, and pertinent issues of transport and infrastructure etc.

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<p><b>MPPM Policy Capstone (2 modules)</b>  <b>Experiential Learning</b>  <b>Practicum on Public Policy</b>  <b>Policy-In-Action (Policy Capstone)</b></p>	<p>Students are expected to encounter wide range of exposures outside their classroom and university through the public policy lab, governance lab, and social justice lab etc.</p> <p>Application of public policy related concepts and policy analysis tools to real-life policy problems</p> <p>In-depth Analysis of public policy issues and problems</p> <p>Synthesis of public policy theory and experience for pragmatic knowledge</p>
<p><b>Practice of Works- Public Policy Analysis and Problems</b></p>	<p>Supplemental experiential learning module for exposure to public and private institutions</p> <p>Provides Basics and theoretical foundations for Public Service Commission</p> <p>Policy analysis studio- hands on practice and project, tackling real public services changes, in-depth research analysis, and writing policy briefs and policy memos etc.</p> <p>Applied public policy analysis series-Policy seminar series that address public policy issues and refine policy analysis skills etc.</p>