

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

DEVELOPING LEADERS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE



Master of Arts in Public Policy and Governance (Brochure 2017-19)

Brief overview of the University



Azim Premji University was established under the Azim Premji University Act 2010 of the Government of Karnataka. Azim Premji Foundation, the sponsoring body set up the University as a fully philanthropic and not-for-profit entity, with a clear social purpose.

The availability of talent in education, development and allied social sectors in India today is grossly inadequate, given the scale, complexity of issues and the wide range of competencies required to work in these areas. Azim Premji University's key mission is to address this significant talent gap and prepare competent, motivated, socially committed graduates and enable them to engage with social sector and thereby contributing to social change.

The University started in 2011 and since then has admitted over 1500 students. It currently offers four postgraduate programmes with eight specialization options and an undergraduate programme with honors option. Four batches of postgraduate students have graduated and consistent with our social purpose, almost all of them work in various roles in the social sector contributing to the development of the country.

In a very short span of time, the University has built a team of 200 including faculty, administration and research. The University conducts several continuing education programmes, in collaboration with many state governments, for functionaries in the education and development domains.

Research is an important area of emphasis and the University Research Centre is currently engaged in several research projects in the Education and Development domains. In addition the University also hosts national and international conferences, seminars, workshops, public lectures and brings out resource material and publications in English, Kannada and Hindi as a contribution to India's school education.

About the Programme

The programmes follow a semester and credits based system, consisting of a set of essential core courses that develop foundational understanding and a wide range of elective courses (in the academic year 2016-17, we have more than 100 electives on offer).

Students can acquire specializations within the programme by choosing a specified set of electives within their area of specialization. Innovative curricular approaches include the option to design and conduct an "Independent Study". Students also have the opportunity to choose courses in areas like Art, Cinema, Music, Theatre, Sports, and Literature etc. to expand their area of interest.

Field practice is an integral component of the programme and students spend 16 weeks in field work at partner organizations engaged in different formats; Immersion, Internships, Research and Independent interventions, mentored and guided by faculty and field supervisors.

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES OVERVIEW

Postgraduate Programmes	
Programmes	Specialisations
Master of Arts in Education (Two year, Full time, 72 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Organization, Leadership and Management • Curriculum and Pedagogy • Early childhood education • Teacher Professional Development
Master of Arts in Development (Two year, Full time, 72 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livelihoods • Law, Governance and Policy • Public Health • Sustainability
Master of Arts in Public Policy & Governance (Two year, Full time, 72 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specializations being planned
Masters' Programme in Law – LL.M. (One year, Full time, 36 credits)	Law and Development



Unique and Challenging Learning Environment

Curriculum

Foundational understanding of the domain through core courses and over 100 electives for students to choose from. Open courses in Art and Craft, Music, Cinema, Literature, Science etc. going beyond the domain to cater to student interests.

Faculty

The faculty team of 130 comes with extensive experience in teaching, research and field practice. The high student teacher ratio of 1: 10 enables close support, mentoring and feedback. [Click here](#) for details on faculty profiles.

Integrated Field Practice

A mix of field experiences spread across all semesters consisting of Immersion visits, 6 week organizational internships, faculty mentored research projects and 8 week independent field projects.

Vibrant environment

Learning opportunities through various events - Weekly guest lectures, national and international conferences, workshops.

Learning from Diversity

Students from twenty five states, different educational and socio economic backgrounds, fresh and with work experience. Over 50 % of our students are women.

[We value and encourage this diversity and you will enjoy and learn with this experience](#)

Master of Arts in Public Policy and Governance



Public Policy and Governance are fields of study that focus on public affairs with a shared interest in making public institutions work. Governance understands and explains the institutional, legal and procedural attributes of how state authority is exercised. Public Policy studies executive decisions and processes, evaluates outcomes that aim to achieve collective purposes, and provides solutions to problems.

The Master of Arts in Public Policy and Governance (MPG) will prepare students to become critical and analytical thinkers who can develop effective and equitable solutions to public policy and governance challenges. The programme will help students learn about the ideas, mechanisms and practices of public policy as well as the nature, quality and legitimacy of the institutions and practices of governance. Through a carefully designed curriculum the programme aims to prepare students to:

- Critically analyze the ideas, mechanisms, practices and outcomes that shape public policy problems, programmes and policies;
- Provide purposive programmatic solutions, and undertake critical and impactful research
- Become reflective practitioners in public affairs through careers in the government, development organizations, social enterprises, think tanks, the media and other agencies involved in public affairs.

Programme Design

The M.A. Public Policy and Governance is a full-time two-year year, four- semester programme of 72 credits with credit distribution as follows

- Thirteen core courses 39 Credits – In Semester I, II, III and IV
- Seven Electives, 21 Credits – Semester III and IV
- Two Open courses, Four Credits – may be taken in any semester
- Field practice, Eight Credits– During the semester breaks

SEMESTER I	SEMESTER II	SEMESTER III	SEMESTER IV
Constitutional Foundations of State Institutions	Values and Ethics in Public Affairs	Policy Analysis	State Transformation and Governance
The State, Market and Economy	Processes of State Action	Policy Research and Communication	Elective 5
The State and Governance in India	Everyday State in India	Elective 1	Elective 6
Public Policy in India	Programme Evaluation	Elective 2	Elective 7
Data, Research Design and Descriptive Methods	Causal and Inferential Methods	Elective 3	OR
			Option of Independent Study
Open Course 1	Open Course 2		
Field Project 1- Problem Definition Engagement (2 Credits)	Field Project 2- Problem Solving Group Internship (3 Credits)	Field Project 3- Policy and Governance Research Fellowship (3 Credits)	
19	20	15	18

Core Courses: Core courses adopt a multi-disciplinary approach to understand and examine policy and governance in India and build methodological capacity to analyze and contribute to these domains. They draw from disciplines such as Anthropology, Economics, History, Law, Political Science, Public Administration, Sociology, and Statistics which are foundational to the understanding of Public Policy and Governance domains. They cover the various facets of Public Policy and Governance to prepare students with the knowledge, skills and temperament to subsequently engage with specific sectors and themes. Concurrently, methodological courses equip students to identify and define problems, examine underlying causal and interpretive processes and use sophisticated techniques for policy and governance research. All 13 core courses are worth 3 credits each

Electives: All electives are in the second year and will allow students to extend their understanding of the foundation disciplines, deepen their methodological training as well as develop domain expertise in particular fields. An illustrative list of electives will comprise courses on land governance, e – governance, gender, health, education, environment, budgeting, taxation, public finance, and corruption

Independent Study: Students can choose to do a faculty guided independent study, in the fourth semester. This gives students the freedom to go beyond the syllabus and explore a topic of their interest in depth. They will have the freedom to define not just the topic of their study but also to shape the final work and the parameters for evaluation

Open Courses: A well-rounded and balanced curriculum that allows students to explore areas that focus on themes related to the arts, culture, the sciences and other subjects of topical interest. Students are required to study two courses from a wide range of subjects such as literature, arts, cinema, epics, science, history, dance etc. based on their interest. About 10-15 open courses are offered each semester.

Field Practice

Rigorous field-engagements and internships have been designed as part of the programme to help students learn by observing how policy works in practice. The field engagement has three components that are staggered to enable students apply classroom learning to appreciate policy and governance problems and solutions from the ground.

Type	Short Description
SEM I break	The first engagement will be an investigative exercise wherein students will learn to identify problems, map the institutional terrain, and survey the impacted community.
SEM II break	The second will be a problem solving internship wherein groups of students will iteratively develop a plan to meet implementation challenges faced by organizations.
SEM III break	The third and last engagement will involve critical policy and governance research through a fellowship mode in an organization

Field engagements need not be restricted to a single theme or sector. For example, students can identify encroachment of lake beds in a particular locality as a problem worth investigating and mapping during their first engagement. During their summer internship, student groups can undertake projects that either survey the needs for a particular intervention, assess the impact of a particular programme or examine the potential of scaling up solutions for urban sanitation. In the third and final field engagement, students can undertake a cost benefit analysis or case study or multivariate analysis of microcredit programmes in their research fellowship. The Field component is integrated not only with classroom learning but also with career choices and employment beyond the programme.

Specializations: Specializations in the programme will aim to deepen student understanding of specific sectoral, organizational and topical dimensions. Such specializations can either be domain specific such as in health and sustainability, or could be process specific such as focused on the NGO sector, Public Management and forms of social enterprise.

Faculty: Our faculty come from disciplines such as Political Science, Law, Economics, and Anthropology besides Policy Studies, and have engaged with governments and multilateral institutions in the areas of land governance, local governance, policy evaluation, institutional reforms and other areas in Public Policy. Students will also benefit from the



University's close association with Azim Premji Foundation which has been working with six State Governments in shaping and implementing policies and programmes in the primary education sector.

Detailed profiles are available at : <http://azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in/faculty-SPG>

Career Opportunities in Public Policy:

Governance and Public Policy are recent professional domains that provide wide ranging career opportunities. We expect our students to undertake challenging careers that involve areas such as but not limited to programme evaluation, survey research, policy analysis, programme management, advocacy and other aspects of programme operations and governance.

[Click here](#) to read more about our placements.

ADMISSIONS: Apply Now

We strive hard to ensure that students from disadvantaged economic, social, regional backgrounds can access quality higher education. This inclusion and diversity is important for us to realise our vision and purpose

- Admission tests and interviews in 30/15 locations, providing easy access
- Socio economically disadvantaged students are given additional scores in the admission process

Admissions are through a National Entrance Test (common for all the postgraduate programmes), followed by a personal interview for shortlisted students. The University may also decide to accept other entrance tests/ conduct more entrance tests if required.

Eligibility: Undergraduate degree in any discipline. Applicants completing their undergraduate degree in 2017 can also apply. We actively encourage applicants with prior work experience and provide additional weightage in the interview process.

- Online application at azimpremjiuniversity.apu.edu.in
- Last Date for Applications: **January 12, 2017**
- National Entrance Test : **January 22, 2017**

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