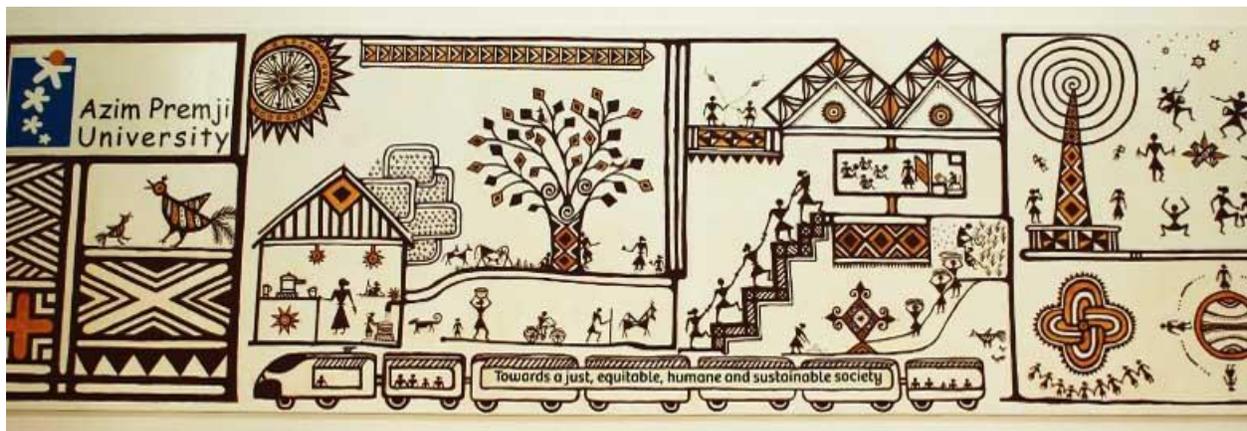




Azim Premji  
University

# POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

*Developing Leaders for Social Change*



## Master of Arts in Public Policy and Governance (2018-20)

## About 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 trained professionals in education, development and allied social sectors in India 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.

The University started in 2011 and since then has admitted over 2000 students. It currently offers four postgraduate programmes and an undergraduate programme with honours option. Five batches of postgraduate students have graduated and consistent with our social purpose, almost all of them work in the social sector.

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.

In a very short span of time, the University has built a team of 200 dedicated people engaged in teaching, research and administration.

## Postgraduate Programmes

The postgraduate programmes follow a semester and credit-based system. The Curriculum consists of a set of essential core courses, a wide range of elective courses, a well-structured field engagement and Open courses.

Core Courses develop foundational understanding of the domain (Education, Development, Public Policy). In the second year of study, option to focus on sub domains/ themes by choosing a specified set of electives. In the academic year 2017-18, more than 100 theme-based electives were on offer. Students can also opt to do an Independent study in lieu of one elective course.

The Integrated Field engagement is a mix of projects and internships spread across all semesters.

Students have to do two open courses which provide them with an opportunity to expand their horizons by exploring areas outside the main curriculum. The open courses are on a wide range of subjects relating to art, cinema, music, theatre, science, history, sports, literature etc.

### Programme Summary

<p><b><u>Master of Arts in Education</u></b> (Two year, Full time, 72 credits)</p>	<p>The M.A. Education programme seeks to provide students with a rigorous and challenging educational experience aiming to develop sound theoretical grounding and the capabilities and competencies required to work in the field of education. The program also offers the opportunity for students to further focus on sub domains within Education.</p>
<p><b><u>Master of Arts in Development</u></b> (Two year, Full time, 72 credits)</p>	<p>The M.A. Development programme aims to prepare individuals capable of informed and thoughtful development action, aware of the complexity, depth and scope of development, its ethical imperatives and its implications for policy and action. Students can meaningfully contribute to meeting India's growing need for individuals who can engage with diverse development challenges. The program also offers the opportunity for students to further focus on sub domains within Development.</p>
<p><b><u>Master of Arts Public Policy &amp; Governance</u></b> (Two year, Full time, 72 credits)</p>	<p>The M.A. Public Policy &amp; Governance programme exposes students to a grounded understanding of theoretical frameworks, practical challenges and institutional arrangements that are important to a holistic understanding of public policy. The Programme also develops the ability to devise and use diverse research methods to evaluate public policies.</p>

## Unique Learning Environment

The teaching and learning processes inside and outside the classroom are designed to ensure that students and faculty engage each other in dialogue and discussions so that students develop deep critical thinking and self-learning abilities.

### Courses

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. to expand the students' horizon.

### Faculty

The faculty team of 130 comes with extensive experience in teaching, research and field practice. The teacher-student 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, organizational internships, faculty-mentored research projects and independent field projects.

### Vibrant Environment

An engaging class room experience with interactive pedagogic tools. Learning opportunities through various events - weekly colloquiums, national and international conferences, workshops etc.

### Learning from Diversity

Students come from almost all states of India with different educational and socio-economic backgrounds, fresh undergraduates and those with work experience. Over 50 percent 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 effectively. Governance deals with the institutional, legal and procedural attributes of how state authority is exercised to achieve collective goals. Public Policy studies executive decisions and processes, evaluates outcomes that aim to achieve collective purposes, and provides solutions to public 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 understand public problems and purposively contribute to their solutions.
- Professionally evaluate policies and programmes
- Reflectively engage with 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

- i. Thirteen core courses 39 Credits – In Semester I, II, III and IV
- ii. Seven Electives, 21 Credits – Semester III and IV
- iii. Two Open courses, 4 Credits – may be taken in any semester
- iv. Field practice, 8 Credits– All semesters and 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 Theories of Governance
The State, Market and Economy	Processes of State Action	Methods of Evaluation and Impact Assessment	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 (2 Credits)- Internship during the break between II and III semesters (2 credits) -Policy and Governance Group Projects (4 Credits) in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of study			

**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, in lieu of one elective course. This gives students the freedom to go beyond the syllabus and explore a topic of their interest, in depth. They will have the freedom not just to define the topic of their study but also to shape the course work and the parameters for evaluation

**Open Courses:** Students are required to do 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 units that are staggered to enable students apply classroom learning to appreciate policy and governance problems and solutions from the ground.

Field Practice Units	Short Description
Unit 1 SEM I and SEM II	An investigative exercise wherein students will learn to identify public problems and policy solutions, map the institutional terrain, and survey the impacted community.
Unit 2 SEM II break and SEM III break	Internships in which students will iteratively develop a plan to meet implementation challenges faced by organizations.
Unit 3 SEM III and IV break	Students will work in groups on independent real-world policy and governance projects with the Law and Policy Hub of the School of Policy and Governance.

**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:** Governance and Public Policy are recent professional domains that provide wide ranging career opportunities. Our former students are engaged in challenging careers in areas such as but not limited to programme evaluation, research, policy analysis, programme management, advocacy and other aspects of programme operations and governance.

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

[Click here](#) to listen to Students' vignettes

## **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 realize 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 postgraduate programmes), followed by a personal interview by faculty 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 2018 can also apply. We actively encourage applicants with prior work experience and provide additional weightage in the interview process.

Online application at [azipremjiuniversity.apu.edu.in](http://azipremjiuniversity.apu.edu.in)

**Last Date for Applications: January 26, 2018**

**National Entrance Test: February 10, 2018**

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