MASTER OF ARTS IN PUBLIC POLICY & GOVERNANCE (2021-23)

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES
Developing Leaders for Social Change
Why do we need Public Policy and Governance professionals?

Public organizations and those organizations that work with them are in need of talents well trained in designing, analysing and evaluating solutions to public problems. With both the Union and the State Governments launching a large number of socio-economic programmes and implementing them through innovative mission-mode institutional arrangements, public organizations also look for talents outside the bureaucracy. The number of private and civil society organizations working with or without the government to influence and implement policies and programmes has also multiplied. The needs of these state, private and civil society organisations have created space for a different type of public policy education – one that combines deep theoretical reflections and customized skills with competencies grounded in the Indian reality.
The Master of Arts in Public Policy and Governance is a novel programme that integrates the fields of public policy and governance to enable its graduates to make pragmatic and humane contributions to public institutions. It is an optimum blend of theoretical perspectives and practical skills, covering a range of disciplines such as law, politics, economics, sociology, along with relevant quantitative and qualitative tools of analysis. The programme is designed to equip its graduates with knowledge and competencies required to think deeply and act purposefully in challenging situations of solving public problems.
Programme Structure

M.A. in Public Policy and Governance is designed as a 72-credit, two-year, full-time, postgraduate degree programme. It is organized in four semesters with field engagements throughout the two years. Each student is required to take the prescribed core courses and is given a choice of elective and open courses.

Core Courses

- The State and Governance in India
- Constitutional Foundations of State Institutions
- The State, Market and Economy
- Public Policy in India
- Policy Analysis
- Programme Evaluation
- The Data, Research Design and Descriptive Methods
- Causal and Inferential Methods
- Values and Ethics in Public Affairs
- Politics and Democracy in India

Electives

Elective courses aim to deepen and widen knowledge in specific domains of Public Policy and Governance.

Electives include:

- Urban Governance in India
- Rural Governance in India
- Implementation: Theory and Practice
- Empirical Policy Analysis
- Environment Politics & Policy
- Law & Social Transformation
- Legal System Reforms
- Public Policy and Religion in India
- Advanced Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis

Field Practice Engagement

The field practice engagement has three components: a ‘law and policy hub project’ and two rounds of internship.

Through the law and policy hub projects students will learn to identify and understand a real-world public problem, following a theoretically-informed protocol. The students in small groups will work on a real-world public policy project under the supervision of a faculty member. The objective of this project is to provide students with sufficient and systematic immersive exposure to the nature and sites of public problems. These sites would include both institutions of the state and points of interface between the citizens and public institutions. This is expected to build their understanding of how policy interventions work in the real-world situations.

In the second year, students will do two rounds of internship. The internships provide students with an opportunity to learn by applying what they have learnt in the classroom and from the law and policy hub projects, in an organisational set-up. Further, the internships also aim to connect students with the networks of policy practice and organisations.

Assessment and Grading

Continuous assessment through multiple modes like tests, assignments, and presentations.
Student Life

Our diverse student population, clubs, student committees, sports and other initiatives have created a vibrant community life for our students.

Financial Aid

Azim Premji University has an explicit commitment towards supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds. We provide financial assistance for deserving students. We offer need-based scholarships (both full and partial) and facilitate education loans for students.

About 50% tuition fee waiver given for those with at least three years of work experience.

Student Support

We invest time and resources to ensure overall student well-being, in many ways:

- High faculty-student ratio
- Tutoring and mentoring
- Career guidance
- Peer counseling
Faculty Members

Members of our faculty are accomplished academicians, researchers, teachers, practitioners and agents of social transformation. The faculty members provide a vibrant classroom learning environment through a range of pedagogies including simulation games, role play, student seminars etc. All faculty members provide academic mentoring support to the students beyond the classrooms.

Career Opportunities

The M.A. in Public Policy and Governance prepare students for a variety of professional roles

- With government agencies, inter-governmental organizations and organizations working with the government
- With civil society organizations, development organizations, non-governmental organizations and social entrepreneurship engaged in evaluation, monitoring and other aspects of programme operations
- With research and advocacy organisations
- With institutions of higher learning

Placement

Over 300 organizations have participated in our campus placements so far, and the number is increasing.

About 90% of our students are working in the social sector, reflecting their social commitment.

Selection Process:

Eligibility: Graduation in any discipline
National Entrance Test: Mar 2021
Personal Interviews: Apr 2021
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