

MASTER OF ARTS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT (MA.. PAM)

Objectives of Programme

Long Term

The long term objectives of the Masters degree programme is to build national capacity in public policy formulation, social services, administration and management.

- To promote democratic values and practices in the Ugandan society through studies related to decentralised decision making process.

Short Term

To reinforce the capacity of Makerere University, high level manpower of the Government and NGOs in implementing the decentralization policy, planning and programme implementation.

- To retrain civil servants in the Ministry of Local Government and other Ministries in the social service sectors to implement the civil service reforms, and sustainability of the civil service.
- To train specialists in designing and re-designing institutions and organisations to manage policies.

Type of Degree

The programme of study is by coursework, assessed essays, seminar papers, research papers, examinations and a dissertation. The dissertation should make a significant contribution to the knowledge of public policy, planning, management and other related fields.

Duration

- (i) The Programme of studies leading to the MA. degree in Public Administration and Management of Makerere University is eighteen (18) months long.
- (ii) The eighteen (18) months shall be divided into four semesters. The first year comprising two semesters each of which shall last seventeen (17) weeks, followed in the next year by one semester lasting seventeen (17) weeks and a twenty four (24) week research semester involving research work in the field as well as a dissertation.

Course Units

- (i) The Programme is structured on a course unit basis.
For students to qualify for the award of an MA.. in Public Administration and Management, he/she must take a total of thirty four (34) course units, seven (7) of which will account for a research - based dissertation.
- (ii) A course unit is equivalent to one contact hour (1) per course, per week, per semester. Two lectures and one seminar shall be offered for each course in the semester.
- (iii) The Course Unit load per student shall be three (3) courses per semester.

Core Courses

The study programme is based on Core and Optional/elective course structure. The core courses in the range of PA 401 - PA 406 are compulsory and will deal with the broad aspects of public policy, local government, institution building, organisations, public, regional and local finance, research and research methodology.

Elective (Optional) Courses

These courses in the range of PA 501 - PA 509 will allow for a more indepth analysis and understanding of specific issues, leading to various specialisations in the fields of Local Government, Public Policy and Administration, Management and Social services.

Programme Structure

| Year I: Semester I | | CU |
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| PAM 7101 | The State and the Economy | 3 |
| PAM 7102 | Decentralization and Development | 3 |
| PAM 7103 | Theory of Organisation and Management | 3 |
| Semester II | | |
| PAM 7204 | Research Methodology | 3 |
| PAM 7205 | Environmental Management | 3 |
| PAM 7206 | Public Policy Formulation and Management | 3 |
| Year II: Semester I (Specialization Courses) | | |

| Public Administration (Option 1) | | |
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| PAM 8107 | Comparative Public Administration | 3 |
| PAM 8108 | Human Resource Management | 3 |
| PAM 8109 | Financial Management | 3 |
| Local Administration (Option 2) | | |
| PAM 8100 | Regional Development, Planning and Management | 3 |
| PAM 8111 | Local Government Administration | 3 |
| PAM 8112 | Administrative Law | 3 |

| Social Service (Option 3) | | |
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| PAM 8113 | Community and Rural Development | 3 |
| PAM 8114 | Social Service Systems | 3 |
| PAM 8115 | Project Design and Management | 3 |
| Semester II (Dissertation) | | |
| PAM 8280 | Dissertation 24 weeks (six months) | 3 |

MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & DIPLOMATIC STUDIES

Objectives

1. To provide students with the basic grounding in the theory and approaches in International Relations.
2. To enable students gain a more detailed knowledge of those aspects of International Relations in which they wish to specialise.
3. To emphasise the development of critical thinking and research skills that are for necessary understanding the problems that confront developing countries and other parts of the world and where possible to offer alternative solutions.
4. To enable students to integrate theoretical knowledge and practical experience.

Programme Structure

The programme of study is by Coursework and Dissertation. Teaching is through lectures and seminars. Assessment is by seminar papers, essays, research papers, examination and dissertation. The duration of the Programme is two (2) years. In semester one students are required to specialise in one of the three (3) options: International Political Economy; Diplomatic Theory and Practice; and Security Studies. The research process begins in the first semester of the second year and goes through to the second semester.

| Year I: Semester I (Core Courses) | | CU |
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| IRS 7100 | Theories of International Relations | 3 |

| IRS 7101 | Diplomatic Theory & Practice | 3 |
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| IRS 7102 | International Political Economy | 3 |
| IRS 7103 | International Law | 3 |
| Semester II | | |
| IRS 7204 | Research Methods in International Relations | 3 |
| IRS 7205 | Security Studies | 3 |
| IRS 7206 | Africa in International Relations | 3 |
| IRS 7207 | International Organisation | 3 |
| Year II Semester I | | |
| Option 1 International Political Economy Core Courses | | |
| IRS 8108 | Issues in International Political Economy | 4 |
| IRS 8109 | International Business | 3 |
| Electives | | |
| IRS 8110 | International Politics of the Environment | 3 |
| IRS 8111 | Gender and International Relations | 3 |
| IRS 8124 | A Foreign language of Diplomacy | 3 |
| Option 2 Diplomatic Studies Core Courses | | |
| IRS 8112 | African Diplomacy | 3 |
| IRS 8113 | Uganda's Foreign Policy | 3 |
| Electives | | |
| IRS 8114 | Human Rights and International Relations | 3 |
| IRS 8115 | Humanitarian Laws of Armed Conflicts | 3 |
| IRS 8116 | Foreign Policy Analysis | 3 |
| IRS 8117 | Comparative Foreign Policy | 3 |