



Program Structure & Syllabus

Details of the MA in Public Policy

Batch: 2026-2028

Duration: 02 Years

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Introduction to the MA Public Policy Programme

In Collaboration with KPMG as Industry Knowledge Partner

The MA Public Policy Programme is designed as a globally benchmarked, analytically rigorous, India-anchored, and practice-intensive programme that prepares students to address the complex governance and development challenges of the 21st century. Moving beyond a conventional public policy curriculum, the programme combines strong academic foundations with real-world policy practice, enabling students to engage meaningfully with government, consulting, development, CSR/ESG, think tanks, public-sector organisations, and international policy ecosystems.

Structured as an 80-credit programme across four semesters, with an additional 4-credit summer internship, the MA Public Policy curriculum ensures academic symmetry, mobility, and exchange-readiness. Each semester carries 20 credits, while the internship is assessed separately and linked to the capstone pipeline, allowing students to convert field exposure into evidence-based policy analysis and implementable solutions.

The programme is built around eight core pillars: economics and public finance; quantitative methods, econometrics and causal inference; implementation and public management; ethics, law, constitution and public reasoning; AI and digital governance; comparative and global policy; writing, negotiation and leadership; and field labs with a client-facing capstone. These pillars ensure that students not only understand public problems but also learn how to diagnose, measure, communicate, negotiate, and solve them.

India's districts, cities, welfare systems, budgets, data systems, and governance challenges serve as living laboratories for the programme. At the same time, students are trained in globally portable tools such as policy memos, cost-benefit analysis, regulatory impact assessment, stakeholder mapping, RCT and quasi-experimental evaluation, public finance analysis, and policy entrepreneurship.

In collaboration with KPMG as an industry expert and practice partner, the programme brings professional exposure into the classroom through practice labs, consulting studios, data-visualisation exercises, public finance and procurement modules, ESG and implementation projects, and sectoral policy engagements. KPMG and other external partners will not merely serve as course contributors but as active collaborators in building the practice ecosystem of the programme.

Students may choose from specialised tracks such as Urban Governance and Infrastructure; Social Policy and Human Development; Climate, Sustainability and Resilience; Digital Governance and AI Policy; Public Finance, Trade and Industrial Policy; and Development Consulting and Evaluation.

The programme aims to produce graduates who can diagnose public problems, understand administrative and budgetary realities, use evidence responsibly, write persuasive policy documents, evaluate programmes, negotiate with stakeholders, and design implementable solutions for India and the world.



Track	Possible Electives
Urban Governance & Infrastructure	Urban planning and mobility; municipal finance; infrastructure PPPs; water/sanitation governance; real estate sector; global India policy grand challenge seminar
Public Policy for Health and Media	Misinformation, disinformation, and health risk; designing a public health media campaign; media, mental health, and young india; designing health communication for schools, RWAs, and districts; woman health and media
Social Policy & Human Development	Education policy; health systems; nutrition; social protection; labour and migration
Climate, Sustainability & Resilience	Climate adaptation; environmental regulation; disaster risk; natural-resource economics; ESG policy
Digital Governance & AI Policy	GovTech; AI ethics; cybersecurity policy; data protection; platform regulation
Public Finance, Trade & Industrial Policy	Tax policy; public procurement; industrial policy; trade policy; export promotion; real estate sector; tourism policy
Development Consulting & Evaluation	Monitoring and evaluation; mixed methods; project finance; results-based management

Semester I						
S.No	Course Name	L	T	P	E	Credit
1	Foundations of Public Policy: Problems, Instruments and Institutions	2	1	1	1	3 *
2	Microeconomics for Public Policy and Welfare Analysis	2	0	0	1	3
3	State Capacity, Governance and Public Administration	2	1	0	1	3
4	Data Analytics I: Research Methodology	2	0	1	0	3
5	Policy Analysis and Strategic Communication	2	0	0	1	3 *
6	Sectoral Policy Scoping	1	0	1	1	2
7	Ethics, Constitution, Law and Public Reasoning	2	1	0	1	3
Total Credits		13	3	3	6	20
Semester-II						
S.No	Course Name	L	T	P	E	Credit
1	Macroeconomics, Public Finance, Administration and Budgeting	2	0	0	1	3
2	Econometrics I	2	0	0	1	3
5	Data Analytics II: Data Visualization with Power BI	3	0	0	0	3 *
4	Data Analytics III: Business Research Methodology	2	0	0	1	3 *
5	Game Theory for Public Policy	2	1	0	1	3
6	AI, Digital Government and Data Governance	2	0	1	1	3
7	Field Lab I: Policy Bootcamp	0	0	0	3	3
Total Credits		13	1	1	8	21



Semester-III						
S.No	Course Name	L	T	P	E	Credit
1	Assessed Summer Internship	1	0	0	3	4
2	Advanced Policy Analysis and Writing: Cost-Benefit, RIA and Scenario Planning	2	0	0	1	3
3	Comparative Global Public Policy	2	0	0	1	3
4	Track Elective I	2	1	0	0	3
5	Track Elective II	2	1	0	0	3
6	Policy Lab II: Development Consulting Studio	2	0	0	0	2 *
7	Job Ready Bootcamp	2	0	0	0	2 *
Total Credits		13	2	0	5	20
Semester-IV						
S.No	Course Name	L	T	P	E	Credit
1	Debates, Dialogue, and Policy Memos	1	0	0	2	3
2	Capstone Project/Internship/Dissertation	0	0	0	20	20
Total Credits		1	0	0	22	23

* The course(s) highlighted in bold will be delivered by our industry partner, **KPMG**.

