MPA/PGDip Public Administration

Focus on critical issues and key developments in public management

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Enhance your employability

Gain practical experience through internships

Combine practitioner and academic perspectives

Draw on examples from around the world
Learn to manage creatively in challenging policy environments

Overview
With the current developments around the world, this is one of the most exciting times to be studying the public sector, governance and government, and the delivery of services to meet people's needs.

This internationally recognised course will provide you with the skills, knowledge and tools to make sense of the world of public policy and management, analyse situations and problems, and improve practice.

Content
This course blends practitioner and academic perspectives on public management. It focuses on key public sector developments in the UK, EU, USA and other countries and is informed by world-leading research, reflecting the expertise of staff in the fields of public management, policy analysis and social policy.

We provide internship opportunities through close links with the National School of Government, Nottingham Citizens and other public sector bodies.

Structure
Across the autumn and spring semesters, you will take 120 credits of core and optional modules.

MA students will complete a 60-credit 15,000-word dissertation over the summer, and an appropriate dissertation supervisor will oversee your progress.

Modules are typically assessed through a 5,000-word (or two 2,500-word) essay or report, usually on a topic of your choice. The Research Methods and Research Management module includes a 5,000-word dissertation proposal.

Entry requirements
Applicants require a 2:2 (or international equivalent) in any discipline.

If English is not your first language, you must achieve IELTS 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element).

Careers and employability
Recent graduates have pursued careers in the public and voluntary sectors as managers and policy analysts.

The MPA is rapidly becoming a standard global qualification for public servants.

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My undergraduate degree is in engineering. However, when I was writing my dissertation, I became very interested in social policy issues, particularly in the field of education.

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