

Master of Public Administration (English)

FAQs

1.	Where will the classes be held?												
A.	On the beautiful NTU campus and/or NTU's One-North Campus opposite Buona Vista MRT (location map).												
2.	Is the tuition fee stated in the webpage for the full programme?												
A.	It covers tuition for all courses. The tuition fee is exclusive of a study.												
3.	Is the fee for students valid for the whole programme whatever the period of study?												
A.	<p>Fee for students is valid at the point of admission. As and when fees are revised, the new fees will be applicable to new students.</p> <p>All fees listed are in Singapore dollars (S\$) and are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST).</p> <p>Fee Payment Schedule</p> <p>The tuition fee is payable on an installment basis. The payment schedule (both full time and part time) are as follows:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th></th><th>1st Semester</th><th>2nd Semester</th><th>3rd Semester</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Full-time</td><td>\$13,000</td><td>\$13,000</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Part-time</td><td>S\$8,700</td><td>S\$8,700</td><td>S\$8,600</td></tr></tbody></table>		1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester	Full-time	\$13,000	\$13,000		Part-time	S\$8,700	S\$8,700	S\$8,600
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4.	What is the maximum and minimum number of courses a student can take in a semester?												
A.	For full-time study, up to 5 courses each semester. For part-time study, the maximum is up to 3 courses each semester.												

5.	Are full time students able to finish the full programme in a year?
A.	<p>Yes. A full-time student will complete his or her degree in the following schedule: 8-Course <i>plus</i> a Capstone paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Semester 1</i>: 1 Core + 3 Electives • <i>Semester 2</i>: 1 Core + 3 Electives + Capstone paper
6.	What happens if a student unfortunately cannot pass his exam? Is there a 2nd attempt given before re-taking the course?
A.	<p>Students will be assessed for each course with a Course Grade. The instructor of the course decides what format he or she will use to assess students. If an examination (examinations) is (are) hold to assess students and a grade lower than C is given to a student, the student will not receive AU (Academic Unit) from the course. For Core courses, the student then needs to re-take the course. For Electives, student can choose to re-take or take another course to meet the graduation AU requirement.</p>
7.	Does MPA accept graduates from part-time bachelor degree programme?
A.	<p>MPA welcomes applicants from a broad range of backgrounds. Acceptance is to be decided by the Admissions Committee.</p>
8.	What is the minimum duration for a student to complete the programme?
A.	<p>For a full-time student, it will take at least 1 year to complete the programme requirements; and 1.5 years for a part-time student.</p>
9.	Could I presume that the maximum duration for part-time programme is 4 years?
A.	<p>Yes.</p>

10.	What is the programme timetable like for part-time students? For example, the frequency of lectures and/or tutorials per week?
A.	Each course will meet once a week for a 3-hour class (in a variety of combinations of lecture and tutorial) in the evening or during the weekend. So if a part-time student takes 2 courses per trimester, he or she will attend classes twice a week for a total of six hours. Most, if not all, classes will be scheduled in the evenings (6.30 to 9.30pm) and during the weekend (9.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday) and on weekdays (Mon – Fri, 9.00am to 5.30pm).
11.	Is there an intake quota for MPA (both part-time and full time)? If so, what is the number of students that NTU would take in both part-time and full –time students?
A.	There is no fixed quota.
12.	What is the nature of the course? Lecture Based? Discussion based? Assignment based?
A.	It is to be decided by the instructor of each course. As a graduate programme, it will be a combination of lectures and discussions.
13.	Is the programme conducted in English or Mandarin?
A.	All courses are conducted in English.
14.	What is the 'ideal" candidate you are looking for?
A.	Each candidate's past experiences, academic performance, interest in the programme and other relevant credentials will be taken into consideration.

15.	How is competency in various courses going to be assessed? Will it be exam based, project work, classroom participation or combinations of these?
A.	It varies and is to be decided by the instructor of each course. Most likely a combination of all.
16.	How long will it take to graduate on a part-time basis?
A.	The part-time English MPA Programme allows working mid-career professionals to upgrade their knowledge while pursuing professional growth opportunities. Part-time studies typically span a period of 1.5 years (3 semesters), with a maximum candidature period of 4 years (8 semesters).
17.	If I am keen to attend certain courses in the programme, would NTU consider charging me on a per course basis?
A.	The arrangement to allow non-graduating student to audit a course on a fee-paying basis is available. Please contact the office at MPA@ntu.edu.sg
18.	Assessment for the programme: Is it purely coursework or coursework and examination or purely examination?
A.	MPA is a coursework-based programme, which means each course has its own assessment format; to be decided by the lecturer. The lecturer may decide that an examination is not required.
19.	What is Capstone Paper? How long is it?
A.	The student is expected to complete an original research paper dealing with a chosen topic under the supervision of a MPA faculty member. It usually takes more than a semester to complete the capstone paper, and the minimum length is 15,000 for the paper to be written in English.

20.	Is there going to be a briefing or a talk coming up for the programme?
A.	MPA usually hold information sessions during February/March and September/October each year. For enquiry on the programme, you may reach us at mpa@ntu.edu.sg .
21.	Is there a requirement for class attendance?
A.	Students are required to maintain a minimum of 75% attendance in order to be allowed to take the final examination or complete the course.