Master of Science in
PUBLIC POLICY AND
MANAGEMENT

Detailed programme description

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1.1 PROGRAMME AIMS

The aim of this programme is to train graduates who can apply their practical and theoretical knowledge in economics, social sciences, management, and law to solve and analyze issues in public policy and state administration. The programme is focused on the comparative analysis of questions of public administration, public policy and public management in EU and non-EU countries in the context of processes of internationalisation, Europeanisation and European integration. The programme is designed to provide a comparative understanding of public sector structures, policies and processes, as well as a methodology for analysing and dealing with different structures and processes of public sector management, guidance and control.

The PUMA program is the English language equivalent of the Department’s flagship program, the EAPAA accredited Hungarian language MSc in Public Policy and Management. The EAPAA is a high-prestige European accreditation agency; so far it has accredited only 26 institutions in Europe.

1.2 MAJOR LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates of this programme are qualified to understand major theories that support government policies in decisions for changes
- apply multidisciplinary approaches towards public issues
- understand governance and public management and their applications
- have an advanced knowledge of the formulation and analysis of public policy and its delivery through programmes and projects
- have extensive knowledge of the institutions, processes and problems of modern government and policy making
- reflect on how and why similar policy issues are framed differently in different countries as problems and solutions
- understand key organisational changes in public sector as well as to evaluate outcomes of policies
- analyse and work out various local, regional, national, and international policy issues
- be equipped with the skills that are essential for translating policies into tangible programmes
- use the right methodological approaches
- submit results with acceptable academic content and format
- apply these knowledge at solving or evaluating concrete problems.

1.3 PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The courses taught in the programme are divided into core courses, catch-up courses, module courses and elective courses.
During the first year, the MA programme provides catching-up courses in Public Economics and Public Policy Analysis, while also introducing students into Advanced microeconomics, Advanced macroeconomics and Econometrics.

Students can choose specialization courses from the following modules:
- Foundation of Public Policy Decisions
- Public Management
- Health Economics

Each module consists of three courses. A typical student would choose six module courses, thereby completing two modules. Those successfully competing one or more modules receive a diploma supplement indicating the name(s) of the module(s) completed.

1.4 STRUCTURE OF STUDIES

4 academic semesters
Academic credits altogether: 120

1.5 PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

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2. COURSES

The detailed description and requirements of all courses are available at the following website:
http://economics.uni-corvinus.hu

Please note that All course descriptions are subject to change and It is always the course syllabus handed out in the first class of the given course that is valid for the given semester!