

MASTER OF ARTS IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND POLICY

The Master of Arts PMP is a master's degree in the field of public administration. Distinguished by its highly interdisciplinary character it is oriented towards the academic as well as the practical approach. The selection of the courses and the methods of teaching are both designed to meet those values.

The study programme is offered conjointly by the Universities of Bern, Lausanne and Lugano.

Interdisciplinary character

Studying in the field of public administration and eventually working in this area of expertise requires knowledge of various disciplines such as law, political sciences, economics, management, sociology and even computer science. This master programme offers an interdisciplinary education by involving lecturers from many different fields in the teaching of the same subject. Thereby, providing students with the methodological tools that permit an interdisciplinary analysis using relevant case studies and appropriate exercises.

Academic and professional orientation

The Master of Arts in Public Management and Policy has two ambitions: firstly, to train the future managers of Switzerland's public and semi-public sector as well as its non-profit organisations and secondly, to allow students to take a further step towards doctoral study programmes in corresponding fields.

Inclusion of national cultures

Switzerland's multilingual culture necessitates a multicultural approach to management in the public and semi-public sectors. This is reflected in the master programme by the inclusion of lecturers from three of the country's linguistic regions as well as by offering courses in all three regions.

Mobility

As the courses of the master programme can be attended in all three linguistic regions of Switzerland, student mobility is strongly encouraged.

Target audience

The Master of Arts PMP mainly addresses the holders of a Bachelor degree in economics, management, social studies and political science, communication or law. Holders of academic degrees in other fields can be admitted under conditions.

CONTENTS	LOCATION	CREDITS	
Interdisciplinary basic studies	Bern, Lausanne or Lugano	60 ECTS	1st year
In-depth studies with specialisation	Bern, Lausanne or Lugano	30 ECTS	2nd year
Master's thesis	Bern, Lausanne or Lugano	30 ECTS	
Master of Arts in Public Management and Policy		120 ECTS	

ECTS = European Credit Transfer System

The interdisciplinary basic studies are attended either in Lausanne (UNIL), Bern (UNIBE) or Lugano (USI). They are designed to give the students the necessary basic understanding of public administration and state action. It is composed of courses in political science, public economy, public management and public law.

The in-depth studies consist of courses on a specialisation chosen from various options by the three partners (UNIL, UNIBE and USI) at their respective sites. The topic of the master thesis corresponds to the specialisation.

Optional and professionally oriented course modules

- Transformation and Innovation in the Public Sector (UNIL)
- Public Finance and Economics of Regulation (UNIL)
- International Governance and Public Administration (UNIL)
- Public Law (UNIBE)
- Political Science (UNIBE)
- Public Management (UNIBE)
- Public Economics (UNIBE)
- Public Policy and Sustainability (USI)

The master thesis can be combined with an internship.

Professional prospects

- Federal, cantonal and communal public administrations
- Non-profit organisations
- International organisations
- Journalism
- Research and teaching