

POLICY STUDIES (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)

The School's teaching staff also includes members from other Queen's departments and from other universities as well as senior practitioners on an occasional or continuing basis.

Facilities

The School of Policy Studies is located in Robert Sutherland Hall (138 Union Street), along with associated institutes, centres and programs and the School's Publications Unit. These include the Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, the Centre for International and Defence Policy, Queen's Institute for Energy and Environmental Policy, and Health Policy Council.

Located in adjoining buildings are the departments of Economics, Political Studies, Sociology, Geography, Global Development Studies, and Women's Studies in Mackintosh-Corry Hall and the Faculty of Law in Macdonald Hall. In close proximity is the School of Business in Goodes Hall, the Joseph S. Stauffer Library, the John Deutsch University Centre and the Queen's Athletic and Recreation Centre.

Departmental facilities, including faculty and administrative offices, classrooms and small meeting rooms are all located in Sutherland Hall.

Philosophy

The approach to the study of public administration at Queen's School of Policy Studies is multidisciplinary, drawing on economics, political science, law, management and other disciplines. It is based on three premises.

First, the core of public administration is policy choice, design, implementation and evaluation.

Second, management and policy skills are inseparable. Without an understanding of policy goals, management in the public sector is a sterile exercise; without management skills, policy goals are empty promises.

Third, effectiveness in policy and administration requires a critical awareness of the economic, legal, political and social context in which they occur and of the need to weigh competing values.

Programs

The School of Policy Studies' Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree can be completed in one-year (three terms) of full-time study. The MPA is designed to meet the needs and interests of recent university graduates from many disciplines

as well as career employees seeking to change or upgrade their qualifications.

A part-time Professional M.P.A. (PMPA) is also available to academically qualified applicants with a minimum of five years related employment experience.

In cooperation with the Faculty of Law at Queen's University, the School also offers the combined degree program, the JD/MPA.

Financial Assistance

All candidates applying for full-time studies will be considered for financial support from Queen's University. Qualification for Queen's University awards is generally based on academic merit. These resources are limited, however. Prospective candidates are strongly encouraged to apply for Ontario Graduate Scholarships and other major awards available from national, provincial and private agencies.

Admissions

Applications are accepted under the general regulations of the School of Graduate Studies. The normal minimum academic qualification for admission to the MPA and PMPA programs is a four-year bachelor's degree, with minimum B+ standing, in their last two years of study, or its equivalent.

Professional MPA candidates should also have five years of full-time work experience related to public policy or public management. Applicants with significant, relevant employment experience, with a bachelor's degree of less than four years or equivalent will be considered on a case by case basis. Applicants, with significant employment experience, who do not meet the normal minimum academic qualification, must provide additional evidence of strong academic potential. This evidence normally involves completion of two courses at the fourth-year undergraduate or graduate level, with a minimum B+ standing in each course or completion of the Graduate Admission Examination (GRE) or the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), with a minimum score at the 75 percentile in the verbal and analytical categories.

The MPA and PMPA programs provide advanced skills for professional employment in Canada's governments and other public, nonprofit and private sector organizations concerned with policy-making. Consequently, the curriculum focuses on public policy and management in Canada.

International students considering admission to the MPA program should have some prior knowledge of Canadian



government and politics and an interest in extending their knowledge in these fields. Any applicant whose native languages do not include English must submit evidence of their proficiency in English. A TOEFL score of 100 on the Internet-based test or 600 on the paper-based test is required for admission.

Program admissions are normally limited each year to seventy (70) full-time and thirty-five (35) part-time students.