

Master of Public Administration (English) FAQs

1.	Where will the classes be held?
A.	Classes are usually held at the beautiful NTU campus.
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 tuition fee for students valid for the whole programme whatever the period of study?
A.	The tuition fee is valid at the point of admission. As and when fees are revised, the new fees will only be applicable to new students. All fees listed are in Singapore dollars (S\$) and are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST). Please note that the tuition fee is payable on an instalment basis, across two semesters for full-time students, and four semesters for part-time students.
4.	What is the maximum and minimum number of courses a student can take in a semester?
A.	Full-time students usually take four courses each semester. For part-time students, they can take up to a maximum of three courses each semester. For any deviation to the study plan, students can work with the programme office for a customised plan.
5.	Are full time students able to finish the full programme in a year?
A.	Yes. A full-time student will complete his or her degree in the following schedule: 8-Course <i>plus</i> a Capstone paper: <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.	There are no make-ups organised for final examinations, nor are there re-examinations. All courses come with multiple assessment components, instead of relying on a final examination. The assessment is done throughout the semester, and students are deemed to have passed the course if the overall assessment grade is at least a D-. Students who fail their electives may choose to re-take the same elective if it is offered again in subsequent semesters or take another elective. Students who fail their core courses will have to re-take the course at the next available opportunity.
7.	Does MPA accept graduates from part-time bachelor's degree programme?
A.	MPA welcomes applicants from a broad range of backgrounds. Candidates are decided by the Admissions Committee.

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8.	What is the minimum duration for a student to complete the programme?
A.	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.
9.	Could I presume that the maximum duration for part-time programme is 4 years?
A.	Yes.
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, with 13 weeks of class in total for each semester. Depending on the number of courses a part-time student is taking, he/she will be looking at a cap of 3 3-hour classes each week. This is not including the project and discussion meetings held outside of teaching hours.
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. However, class sizes are usually kept small deliberately to facilitate a safe and dynamic environment for class discussions.
12.	What is the nature of the course? Lecture Based? Discussion based? Assignment based?
A.	Each course is different depending on the learning outcomes desired. As a graduate programme, it will be a combination of seminars and assignments usually.
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.	Each course is different depending on the learning outcomes desired, but each course will have multiple assessment components which are geared at assessing your development throughout the course.
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).

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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.	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.
19.	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 .
20.	Is there a requirement for class attendance?
A.	Students are required to maintain a minimum of 75% attendance to be allowed to take the final examination or complete the course.