Come with the passion to change the world.
Gain from an experience that will transform your life.

Master of Public Administration
THE NTU NCPA DIFFERENCE

Step into a world of vibrant learning at one of the world’s leading universities. Established under NTU, the NCPA is an educational and research institution that offers graduate degree and executive training programmes to nurture leaders of the future.

ANCHORING A NEW GENERATION OF PUBLIC LEADERS

NTU’s NCPA is dedicated to grooming and mentoring the next generation of public administrators. Through its MPA programme, conducted in English or Chinese, graduates can look forward to fulfilling careers as future leaders in the public sector.

REAL-WORLD LEARNING

This programme takes a hands-on approach, and students can look forward to role plays, discussions and real-life case studies, where they will be able to take theory into practice. An overseas study trip to China will enrich students’ learning experience through face-to-face meetings and discussions with the NCPA’s extensive network of Chinese mayors and senior officials, alumni of the MPA programme. Alternatively, students may choose to participate in an immersive attachment in Singapore or China, involving them in the inner workings of government offices, and also equipping them with skills to tackle real-life challenges.

AN ILLUSTRIOUS ALUMNI BODY

Many of the NCPA’s 15,000 alumni are now holding decision-making positions at all levels of government in their countries, including roles such as ministerial-level leaders, mayors and heads of organisations.

A FACULTY AT THE FOREFRONT

Adjunct professors who are current or former politicians, or senior government officials in Singapore form part of the faculty. Mr Yeo Cheow Tong, former Minister for Transport, Mr Chan Soo Sen, former Minister of State, Mr Ngiam Tong Dow, former Permanent Secretary, Dr Pei Sai Fan, former Director of MAS Academy, and Dr Liu Thai Ker, former CEO of the Housing and Development Board (HDB) and Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) and many others are among them. Courses conducted place emphasis on practicality, which will help students integrate theory with hands-on experience.
Learn how the world’s best drive public administration reforms.

Benefit from attachments at leading government offices in China, Singapore and the world.

Take on challenges beyond the classroom with a hands-on global education from an Asian perspective. The Master of Public Administration (MPA) programme will enrich your learning experience, providing you a uniquely immersive environment to engage in real-world issues as you prepare to take your career in policy-making and public administration to the next level.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Nanyang Centre for Public Administration (NCPA) at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) Singapore, the world’s top young university. Established in 2009, the NCPA is among Asia’s leading institutions for public policy and public administration education.

We offer a wide range of programmes, including the Master of Public Administration (MPA), Master of Science in Managerial Economics (MME), Master of Arts in Contemporary China (MACC), and Executive Training Programmes. Designed specifically for Asia’s mid-level and top civil servants and officials, the MPA, which is conducted in both English and Chinese, is a world-class programme which integrates classroom knowledge and hands-on experience. The MPA’s most unique and outstanding feature is that it offers lectures and seminars conducted by former Singapore Cabinet ministers with extensive experience in various facets of Singapore’s development legacy.

Our location in Singapore, a fulcrum of economic growth in Asia and crossroads of the East and West, offers students the added advantage of an environment of cultural diversity, ideal for grooming leaders of the future. Our programme makes available the opportunity to visit government departments and statutory boards to learn first-hand about policy-making and implementation.

In addition, an intensive 2-week attachment in the government offices of Singapore or China will further deepen learning with students having the opportunity to take on projects and responsibilities as members of real policy-making teams. You will tackle real issues, face real challenges and make a real difference.

Over the years, the MPA has been very well attended by Chinese officials; over 1,200 senior Chinese officials have graduated from our programme. Today, the NCPA has an active network of over 15,000 alumni in China — many of whom have gone on to hold Mayorships and occupy other senior positions in government offices. Dubbed ‘Mayor’s Class’, the MPA
is an invaluable resource of knowledge, wisdom and connections for students to tap on to further enrich learning.

Conducted at the beautiful Yunnan Gardens and NTU@one-north on the NTU campuses, the MPA has received recognition and support from major companies around the region. Over the years, as part of the initiative to strengthen Singapore-China ties, established organisations and enterprises such as the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCCI), Nantah Alumni Association, Tan Chin Tuan Foundation, CapitaLand, Lien Foundation, Wilmar International and ST Engineering have also expressed their support through sponsoring scholarships and medals. Since 2011, the Vietnamese and Cambodian governments have started sending their senior officials to attend the NCPA’s short training courses — sponsored by the Temasek Foundation.

All said, the best way to discover the MPA programme is to begin a conversation with us. I invite you to contact us directly, or learn more about our MPA programme by visiting our website. My team and I look forward to having you join us on this exciting journey in pursuit of excellence in public administration in Asia. It is a journey that can lead to positive change for career, community, country and self.

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WANG HAIBO
Deputy Director, Department of Education, Shanxi Province, China

“I feel deeply honoured to have studied at NTU for one year, during which most of my classmates agree, our global perspective was broadened, strategic thinking cultivated, innovation capability improved, and humanism embedded. I believe the skills and knowledge gained at NTU will empower its alumni to make contributions to their countries, and also to world peace, development and progress.”

JI XIAOQING
Vice Mayor, Wuhai, Inner Mongolia, China

“I learned a lot during my one-year study at NTU. First, I gained a deep understanding of the new ideas and knowledge in public administration. Second, my strategic thinking skills were improved. Third, I became better at analysing and learning from experiences. I look forward to applying these new skills to my work creatively.”

TAN SIEW KHIM
Vice Principal, Townsville Primary School, Singapore

“I am very honoured to be the first Singaporean participant in the Mayor’s Class. My classmates are senior government officials from different parts of China. Interacting with them gives me deeper insights into China’s situation and many invaluable experiences.”
About the Programme

Offered by NTU Singapore, the MPA is designed to prepare the next generation of public leaders with global vision to meet new challenges in policy-making and public governance in the rapidly changing world. The programme combines theory and practice with an emphasis on public policy and administration.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The curriculum consists of 10 courses (comprising 3 core courses and 7 electives), a capstone paper and an optional 10-day overseas study trip or 2-week attachment at government offices. The programme will equip students with knowledge, analytical skills and hands-on experience in public administration, management and policy-making.

For this graduate coursework programme, students are required to fulfill the following:

3 CORE COURSES

7 ELECTIVE COURSES

CAPSTONE PAPER

OPTIONAL

10-day overseas study trip

OR

2-week attachment at government offices in Singapore or China

Students also have the option to select up to 2 relevant courses from NTU’s other graduate programmes as electives to fulfill their course requirement. These courses must be approved by both the Director of MPA and the NTU School(s) or division(s) concerned.

There are 2 semesters in an academic year, each consisting of 13 weeks of teaching, 1 week of exam preparation and 1 week of examinations.

The English MPA programme is offered on both a full-time and part-time basis.

FULL-TIME STUDY

Full-time students typically complete their studies within 12 months (2 semesters).

PART-TIME STUDY

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 24 months (4 semesters), with a maximum candidature period of 4 years (8 semesters).

CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes are typically conducted on:

Mondays to Fridays: 9.00 am – 5.30 pm and/or 6.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Saturdays to Sundays: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm and/or 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships bear no bond or obligation for scholars, and are offered on a merit basis to students who demonstrate a strong passion in understanding public administration:

- MPA (English) ASEAN Scholarship
- MPA (English) International Scholarship

Information about scholarships is available on our website.

FEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The tuition fee is payable on an instalment basis. The payment schedule (both full-time and part-time) is available at www.mpa.ntu.edu.sg.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Information about application deadline and procedure can be found at www.mpa.ntu.edu.sg.

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PROGRAMME FEE

The programme fee is subject to the prevailing Goods and Services Tax. The fee does not cover health check-up, entry visa, student pass, accommodation, meals, overseas study trip, attachment, miscellaneous fees etc.

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