

Master of Public Administration (MPA)

Information Session

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Why LSE?





A global reputation...

Steeped in history - Established in 1895

37 world leaders have studied or taught at LSE

18 Nobel prize winners among academics and former students

219,000 alumni across 212 countries

A hub of global debate
- 100's of expert guest
speaker events and festivals

Ranked top university in London for 11 years running (Complete University Guide 2023)

1st Carbon Neutral verified university in the UK







An amazing location...















A vibrant campus...



































Seven masters programmes designed for early stage to executive level students

Draws on best academic expertise across LSE and expert practitioners

Focuses on empirical skills and tools that underpin evidence-based policymaking

Creates professionals with the ability to analyse and resolve the challenges of contemporary governance Focuses on application of these skills to real-world problems and contexts

Core training in economics, political science and policy evaluation

MPA Programme

- 2 years, full-time
- For early-stage career. No requirement for prior professional experience.
- Combines methodological discipline and practical application through Capstone Project with external client





MPA Students

2023/4 - Year 1

- 66 class size
- **27** average age
- 4 years (avg.) professional work experience
- 24 nationalities represented



MPA Year 1

Political Science for Public Micro and Macro Economics for Public Policy Policy (1 unit) (1 unit) MPA Year 1 **Quantitative Approaches Option Courses** and Policy Analysis (One full unit or two half-(1 unit) units)



MPA Year 2

MPA Capstone (1 unit)

Option to specialise

MPA Year 2

Policy Paper or Dissertation

(part of option courses)

Option Courses (SPP or LSE)

(3 Units)

Second year MPA students can **specialise** in one of the following areas if they wish:

- Economic Policy
- International Development
- Inequality and Poverty
- Social Impact
- International Political Economy



The Capstone

Your opportunity to carry out original analysis & research addressing a pressing policy problem of great interest to one of our client organisations.

- An applied public policy project Apply what you've learnt in a professional setting. Make a difference!
- You'll work as part of team (typically 4 5 students.
- Each team manages its own workload with the support of a Capstone supervisor (a member of the LSE faculty).
- These projects run from October to March alongside your other taught courses.
- Every spring our 2nd-year students tell us that delivering their team's (gorgeous) Capstone reports to their clients and presenting them with their findings were the biggest highlights of the year. It pulled everything together!



Capstone Clients

Some of our recent Capstone clients include:

















SPP Student Networks and Opportunities

Global Public Policy Network (GPPN)

Partnership between seven prestigious universities in public policy

SPP Student-led organisations

- Womxns Network
- Association of Public Policy Students (APPS)
- Public Sphere Journal for Public Policy (PSJ)

Professional Development Programmes and Events

- SPP Professional Skills Accelerator
- Policy in Practice (PiP) seminars
- Turner MIINT programme
- Dean's Dialogues



SPP Careers and Alumni Support



Reserved one-to-one appointments with the SPP Careers Consultant for SPP students



Weekly SPP Careers Newsletter



SPP Career Networking Evening



Alumni panel events



Opportunities to network and share experiences with fellow SPP students





Next Steps

- Find out more about the MPA programme and studying at SPP. www.lse.ac.uk/spp/study
- Find out more about admissions and financial support.
 https://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/Graduate
 Admissions queries: Spp.admissions@lse.ac.uk
- Submit an application! (While we have a rolling application deadline, it's a good idea to apply early.)
- Ask us a question!