

Your First Year in Public Administration and Leadership

Introduction to Public Administration 1

Structure and Content of the Module: 2 lectures every week and from wk 3 an additional one-hour tutorial until week 12.

Learning Outcomes: by the end of this module students will be able to identify the principal characteristics of Public Administration and explain the contributions of the foremost theorists associated with the subject. Students will also have the tools to review reforms made in the public sector and be able to articulate the values and ethics that are inherent in the roles of officials who develop, promote and implement public policy.

Guest Speakers: Guest speakers from the civil and public service participate in the module. For example: the defense forces, court services, local councils, An Garda Síochána, Irish Aid etc.

Sample Lecture Topics:

What is Public Administration? Definitions, characteristics and values.

Public Administration in a historical perspective: from personal servants to a professional public service.

Ministers and their Departments.

Guest speakers: How senior civil servants support the Minister. New modes of delivering government: what is e-Government?

Accountability in the public sector – theory and practice.

Sample Tutorial Topics – content and assessment focused themes

What do ministers and civil servants do? Roles, responsibilities and dealing with the political process.

Are there differences between management in the public sector and management in the private sector?

Academic reading assignment

Essay planning exercise

Introduction to Public Administration 2

Structure and Content of the Module: 2 lectures every week and from wk 3 an additional one-hour tutorial until week 12.

Purpose of Module: The awareness of different systems is essential for explanation, theory and practice in Public Administration. This module explores how new national and international realities shape administrative practices and systems and draws on examples from throughout the world. It examines public service systems in different contexts, the roles and functions they fulfill and the administrative traditions that shaped them. It explores how common administrative problems are dealt with and the processes used to deal with contemporary challenges. It also identifies trends in public sector reform and the role of international institutions, such as the OECD, in promoting public sector modernization.

Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this module students should be able to:

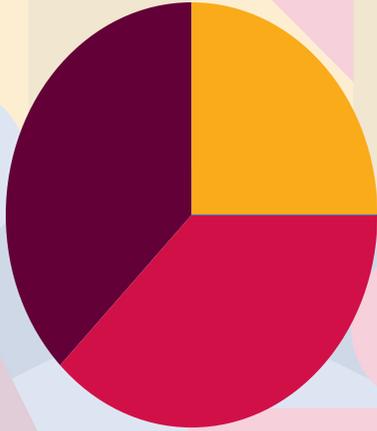
- display disciplinary knowledge of key public service systems, theories and comparative examples
- show awareness of the relevance of this knowledge to real world problems and challenges
- be familiar with the analytical and normative concepts and empirical evidence required for critical evaluation of different systems and practices
- Have the competence to articulate and evaluate different interpretative approaches to Public Administration
- demonstrate the ability to access, analyse and synthesize relevant information
- have developed the research and communication skills required for effective (oral, written and digital) and informed presentation of their views
- exhibit the ability to relate appropriately to other people and function collaboratively

SINGLE HONOURS PATHWAY

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
Introduction to Public Administration 1	Introduction to Public Administration 2
SEMESTER 3	SEMESTER 4
CORE Ideas and Concepts in Development PA4012 Paragovernmental Organisations Elective Bundle min 2/max 2 PO4018 International Relations PO4127 Regionalism in World Politics	OFF CAMPUS
SEMESTER 5	SEMESTER 6
OFF CAMPUS	CORE PA4018 - Public Policy Process PO4102 Methods and Research in Political Science Elective Bundle min 2/max 2 PO4015 Government & Politics of the EU PO4030 Theories of Distributive Justice PO4004 Global Political Economy
SEMESTER 7 & SEMESTER 8: Elective Bundle min 4/max 4 each semester	
CORE SEMESTER 7	CORE SEMESTER 8
Public Administration and Social Justice	Decentralisation and Development
PA4038 Public Administration in Democratic States	Civil Society and Civic Engagement
Elective Bundle min 2/max 2 per semester	
PO4007 Power, Politics and Social Change in Latin America	PO4058 Politics of the Third World
PO4008 African Politics: Development and Democracy	PO4067 Studies in Political Thought
PO4016 Issues of European Integration	PO4068 Political Leadership
PO4017 Politics of the United States	PO4077 Nations and Nationalism in the Modern World
PO4027 International Organisations & Global Governance	PO4088 Introduction to Terrorism and Violent Extremism
PO4028 The Politics of Ethnic Conflict	PO4107 Nationalism, Ethnicity and Conflict
PO4117 Policy Making in the European Union	PO4108 Multiculturalism and Political Theory
PO4032 Russian Politics	PO4118 Ireland and the EU
PO4038 European Party Politics	PA4013 Local Government
PO4041 Politics of Oil	PA4017 Sub-national Government
PO4048 Issues in World Politics	PL4013 Community Development
	PO4118 Ireland and the EU

JOINT HONOURS PATHWAY

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Introduction to Public Administration 1	Introduction to Public Administration 2
SEMESTER 3	SEMESTER 4
CORE Ideas and Concepts in Development PA4012 Paragovernmental Organisations	OFF CAMPUS
SEMESTER 5	SEMESTER 6
OFF CAMPUS	CORE PA4018 - Public Policy Process PO4015 Government & Politics of the EU
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