

No problem can be solved
from the same consciousness
that created it.

- Albert Einstein



Ph
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PhD in
Public Policy

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India



Lee Kuan Yew
School of Public Policy



PHD IN PUBLIC POLICY

Gain analytical skills and knowledge to generate, evaluate and communicate research in public policy.

Our four-year, full-time PhD in Public Policy trains the next generation of thought leaders for positions in academic institutions, international organisations, governments and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) with significant research commitments.



Admissions Criteria

The PhD in Public Policy programme is a very competitive programme. The PhD Admissions Committee takes into account various considerations including academic excellence. Please visit the LKYSPP website for a full list of admission criteria.

Required Documents

- Online application form
- Degree scrolls and academic transcript (including grading description)
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- GRE test score
- Research proposal
- Statement of intent
- One writing sample
- Two letters of references (Academic)

Reasons to pursue a PhD

Knowledge

Students will expand and hone high-level theoretical, methodological, and substantive expertise in public policy, as well as the communication skills necessary for successful careers in teaching and research.

Skills

Students will develop skills in empirical research to analyse policy problems. This enables students to apply various research designs in conducting rigorous policy research in their chosen fields, as well as develop the ability to critically evaluate policy research outputs.



The School has an excellent reputation, especially in Asia. It provides many opportunities to work with professors on joint papers, or to work on a research project conducted by one of the research institutes here. Those papers and projects open up doors for attending conferences, presenting your findings to policy-makers, and getting published.”

– Mulya Amri, PhD alumnus (Indonesia)



Curriculum

The PhD curriculum requires students to complete the following within four years:

- Eight core modules
- One Independent Study module
- One elective module
- PhD Qualifying Examination
- Thesis

Core Modules

Core modules provide an examination and analysis of the literature, perspectives and theories of public policy, along with the necessary skills to design and implement advanced research.

- Foundations of Public Policy
- Foundations of Public Administration
- The Economics of Public Policy
- The Politics of Public Policy
- Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Research
- Qualitative Methods for Public Policy Research
- Research Design in Public Policy
- Public Policy Graduate Seminar

Elective Modules

Students may choose to read one elective module.

Please visit the LKYSPP website for the full list of electives.

Class Profile

The PhD programme is offered to carefully selected candidates who have an exemplary academic record and high potential for excellence in teaching and research in public policy.

Tuition Fees (For Academic Year 2022)

PhD Tuition Fees per academic year	Academic Year 2022
Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents (Subsidised Fees) ¹	S\$10,200 and S\$10,750 respectively
International Students (Subsidised Fees inclusive of taxes) ²	S\$16,100
Non-subsidised Fees * (inclusive of taxes)	S\$38,950

¹ Fee amounts quoted here for Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents are exclusive of prevailing taxes. The applicable taxes is subsidised by the Ministry of Education, MOE.

² Fee amounts quoted here for International Students are inclusive of prevailing taxes. International Students will have to bear the prevailing taxes (currently 7%) levied on the fees payable by them.

* Students who have previously enjoyed government subsidy or sponsorship by a Singapore government agency (such as scholarships offered by the Ministries, Public Service Commission and Statutory Boards) in a graduate programme will not be eligible for Ministry of Education (MOE) subsidy in another graduate programme at the same or lower level. Instead, such students will be liable to pay "Non-Subsidised Fees", inclusive of prevailing taxes. For example, students who had previously enjoyed subsidies/scholarship in a Master programme and had attained the Master degree will not be eligible for subsidies in another programme at Master or lower level. For more details, please visit <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/graduate/graduate-fees>

Application Period

Applications open on 1 August and close on 10 December every year.



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