

MASTER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

(Qualification type: Structured Master's Degree)

Qualification codes: MSPB18/MSPA18 - NQF Level 9 (180 credits)

SAQA ID: 96921, CHE NUMBER: H16/10763/HEQSF

Campus where offered: Soshanguve South Campus

REMARKS

a. *Admission requirement(s):*

A Baccalaureus Technologiae, or a Postgraduate Diploma, or an Honours, or any equivalent qualification in the field of Public Administration, or related discipline, from an accredited university.

Candidates with a Baccalaureus Technologiae will be required to complete a bridging module: Social Theory and Research. Registration for the Master's degree and this bridging module may be undertaken concurrently. Candidates with other qualifications who have not previously completed a module on Research Methodology (at NQF Level 8), will also be required to register for the bridging module.

Holders of any other equivalent South African or international qualifications may also be considered, but will have to apply about six months in advance for the recognition of such qualifications. Candidates will be required to submit an evaluation of their qualifications by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) with their application forms for admission. The Faculty reserves the right to assess these qualifications and the applicant's suitability/competence for admission to the programme. Proof of English proficiency may be required. Depending on the nature of such an equivalent qualification, the completion of certain additional subjects may be required.

b. *Selection criteria:*

Admission is subject to an interview with the applicant. During the interview the candidate's ability to defend the research proposal will be evaluated.

c. *Duration:*

A minimum of one year and a maximum of three years.

d. *Presentation:*

Research.

e. *Intake for the qualification:*

January and July.

f. *Rules on postgraduate studies:*

See Chapter 8 of the Students' Rules and Regulations for more information.

g. *Module credits:*

Module credits are shown in brackets after each module.

CURRICULUM

Students must complete any one of the following options:

OPTION 1: LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MSPB18)

ATTENDANCE

CODE	MODULE	NQF-L	CREDIT	PREREQUISITE MODULE(S)
RML109M	Research Methods in Local Government V	(9)	(18)	



FIRST OR SECOND SEMESTER

ALG119M	Advanced Local Government Management V	(9)	(14,4)	
LGM119M	Research Report: Local Government V	(9)	(90)	Research Methods in Local Government V
LGM119R	Research Report: Local Government V (re-registration)	(9)	(0)	

plus four of the following modules:

CIL119M	Contemporary Issues and Approaches in Local Government V	(9)	(14,4)
FMF119M	Financial Management for the Public Sector V	(9)	(14,4)
IFU119M	Information Studies for the Public Sector V	(9)	(14,4)
ODV119M	Organisation Development for the Public Sector V	(9)	(14,4)
PLY119M	Policy Studies for the Public Sector V	(9)	(14,4)
POJ119M	Project Management for the Public Sector V	(9)	(14,4)
RES119M	Human Resource Management for the Public Sector V	(9)	(14,4)

TOTAL CREDITS FOR OPTION 1: **180**

OPTION 2: PUBLIC SERVICE (MSPA18)**ATTENDANCE**

CODE	MODULE	NQF-L	CREDIT	PREREQUISITE MODULE(S)
RMI109M	Research Methods in Public Management V	(9)	(18)	

FIRST OR SECOND SEMESTER

APU119M	Advanced Public Management V	(9)	(14,4)	
PUN119M	Research Report: Public Management V	(9)	(90)	Research Methods in Public Management V
PUN119R	Research Report: Public Management V (re-registration)	(9)	(0)	

plus four of the following modules:

CIA119M	Contemporary Issues and Approaches in Public Management V	(9)	(14,4)
FMF119M	Financial Management for the Public Sector V	(9)	(14,4)
IFU119M	Information Studies for the Public Sector V	(9)	(14,4)
ODV119M	Organisation Development for the Public Sector V	(9)	(14,4)
PLY119M	Policy Studies for the Public Sector V	(9)	(14,4)
POJ119M	Project Management for the Public Sector V	(9)	(14,4)
RES119M	Human Resource Management for the Public Sector V	(9)	(14,4)

TOTAL CREDITS FOR OPTION 2: **180**



MODULE/SUBJECT INFORMATION (OVERVIEW OF SYLLABUS)

The syllabus content is subject to change to accommodate industry changes. Please note that more detailed syllabus is available at the Department or in the study guide that is applicable to a particular subject. On 27 September 2017, the syllabus content was defined as follows:

A

ADVANCED LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT V (ALG119M) 1 X 3-HOUR PAPER

(Module custodian: Department of Public Management)

A comprehensive in-depth study of the new system of local government and its implementation through integrated development planning. (Total tuition time: ± 100 hours)

ADVANCED PUBLIC MANAGEMENT V (APU119M) 1 X 4-HOUR PAPER (OPEN BOOK)

(Module custodian: Department of Public Management)

A comprehensive in-depth study of the new system of local government and its implementation through integrated development planning. (Total tuition time: ± 100 hours)

C

CONTEMPORARY APPROACHES AND ISSUES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT V (CIL119M) 1 X 3-HOUR PAPER

(Module custodian: Department of Public Management)

Various selected contemporary issues, such as local economic development, key performance indicators and targeted procurement are studied. (Total tuition time: ± 100 hours)

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND APPROACHES IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT V (CIA119M) 1 X 4-HOUR PAPER (OPEN BOOK)

(Module custodian: Department of Public Management)

Various selected contemporary issues, such as local economic development, key performance indicators and targeted procurement are studied. (Total tuition time: ± 100 hours)

F

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR V (FMF119M) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

(Module custodian: Department of Public Sector Finance)

The implications for and the responsibilities of the public manager in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999), including the compilation and management of budgets. The particular aim is to enable students to manage their areas of responsibility in order to reach higher levels of efficiency and effectiveness. (Total tuition time: ± 100 hours)

I

INFORMATION STUDIES FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR V (IFU119M) 1 X 3-HOUR PAPER

(Module custodian: Department of Public Management)

The emphasis is on obtaining, processing and analysing data, the processing of data in various systems, and the interaction that takes place between such systems. (Total tuition time: ± 100 hours)

H

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR V (RES119M) 1 X 3-HOUR PAPER

(Module custodian: Department of Public Management)

The strategic approach to public personnel management and the effect of external and global environments, human resource planning, job analysis and job design. Affirmative action, equity and performance management are some of the key issues. (Total tuition time: ± 100 hours)



O**ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR V (ODV119M) 1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Module custodian: Department of Public Management)

South African managers often lack critical knowledge of the behavioural dynamics that exist in organisations. One of the most important reasons for this is the inability to present subject matter holistically; in other words, to create an understanding of the interrelated nature and need for support between the different components and the modules of which they form part. The approach in this subject is to present and explain the dynamics in organisations, while allowing students to apply those dynamics in their own organisations. (Total tuition time: ± 100 hours)

P**POLICY STUDIES FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR V (PLY119M) 1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Module custodian: Department of Public Management)

The emphasis is on policy-making and the processes that precede the approval and adoption of defined policy as a policy or documentation. Implementation is discussed and the infrastructure of the country is examined to determine whether such a policy can be executed. Finally, the outcome is evaluated to determine whether the process and implementation have been successful. (Total tuition time: ± 100 hours)

PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR V (POJ119M) 1 X 4-HOUR PAPER (OPEN BOOK)

(Module custodian: Department of Public Management)

The outcomes of programme and project management focus on planning programmes and projects, estimating for control, programme and project organisation, and programme and project control, with the emphasis on applying programme and project management in the public sector. (Total tuition time: ± 100 hours)

R**RESEARCH METHODS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT V (RML109M) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT**
(Module custodian: Department of Public Management)

An extension of the methodology that was covered in the Baccalaureus Technologiae studies pertaining to topics, such as concepts and processes, quantitative and qualitative approaches, and observation and survey techniques. This will equip students with the necessary skills to submit research proposals and write research reports in the context of local government. (Total tuition time: ± 200 hours)

RESEARCH METHODS IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT V (RMI109M) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT
(Module custodian: Department of Public Management)

An extension of the methodology that was covered in the Baccalaureus Technologiae studies pertaining to topics, such as concepts and processes, quantitative and qualitative approaches, and observation and survey techniques. This will equip students with the necessary skills to submit research proposals and write research reports in the context of local government. (Total tuition time: ± 100 hours)

RESEARCH REPORT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT V (LGM119M/R) MINI-DISSERTATION ASSESSMENT
(Module custodian: Department of Public Management)

Mini-dissertation on any topic within the field of local government management. It adds to the taught modules for the candidate to complete the qualification. (Total tuition time: no formal tuition)

RESEARCH REPORT: PUBLIC MANAGEMENT V (PUN119M/R) MINI-DISSERTATION ASSESSMENT
(Module custodian: Department of Public Management)

Mini-dissertation on any topic within the field of public management. It adds to the taught modules for the candidate to complete the qualification. (Total tuition time: no formal tuition)

