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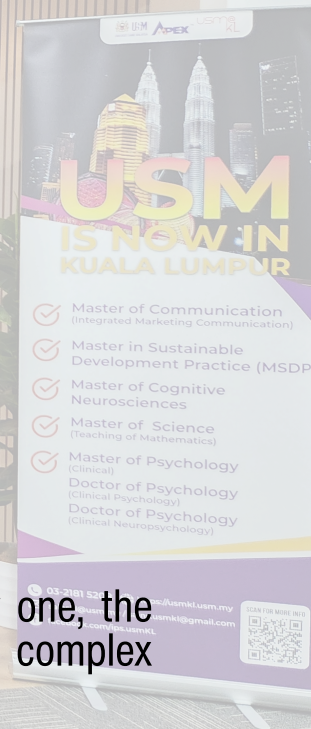
INTRODUCTION

Governance is everyone's business.

The **MPA** is designed for :-

- Public servants driving national development
- Private sector professionals navigating policy landscapes
- Full-time students aiming to lead with purpose and impact

Whether you're enhancing your current career or launching a new one, the **MPA** opens doors to understand, influence, and lead in today's complex world.



OBJECTIVE

- Understand how governance and administration shape outcomes in public and private realms
- Explore innovative ways to improve government and institutional performance
- Sharpen research and analytical skills for bold, evidence-based decision-making
- Inspire public-minded leadership that transcends silos and fosters collaboration

PROGRAM DELIVERY

Interdisciplinary. Practical. Future-ready.



Political & Institutional Literacy

Know how systems work — and how to work with them



Strategic & Managerial Skills

Lead teams, manage budgets, and drive performance



Research & Analysis for Action

Turn data into decisions that make an impact



Research & Analysis for Action

Solve real-world problems with practical, workable ideas

WHO SHOULD ENROLL?



Young graduates seeking meaningful careers



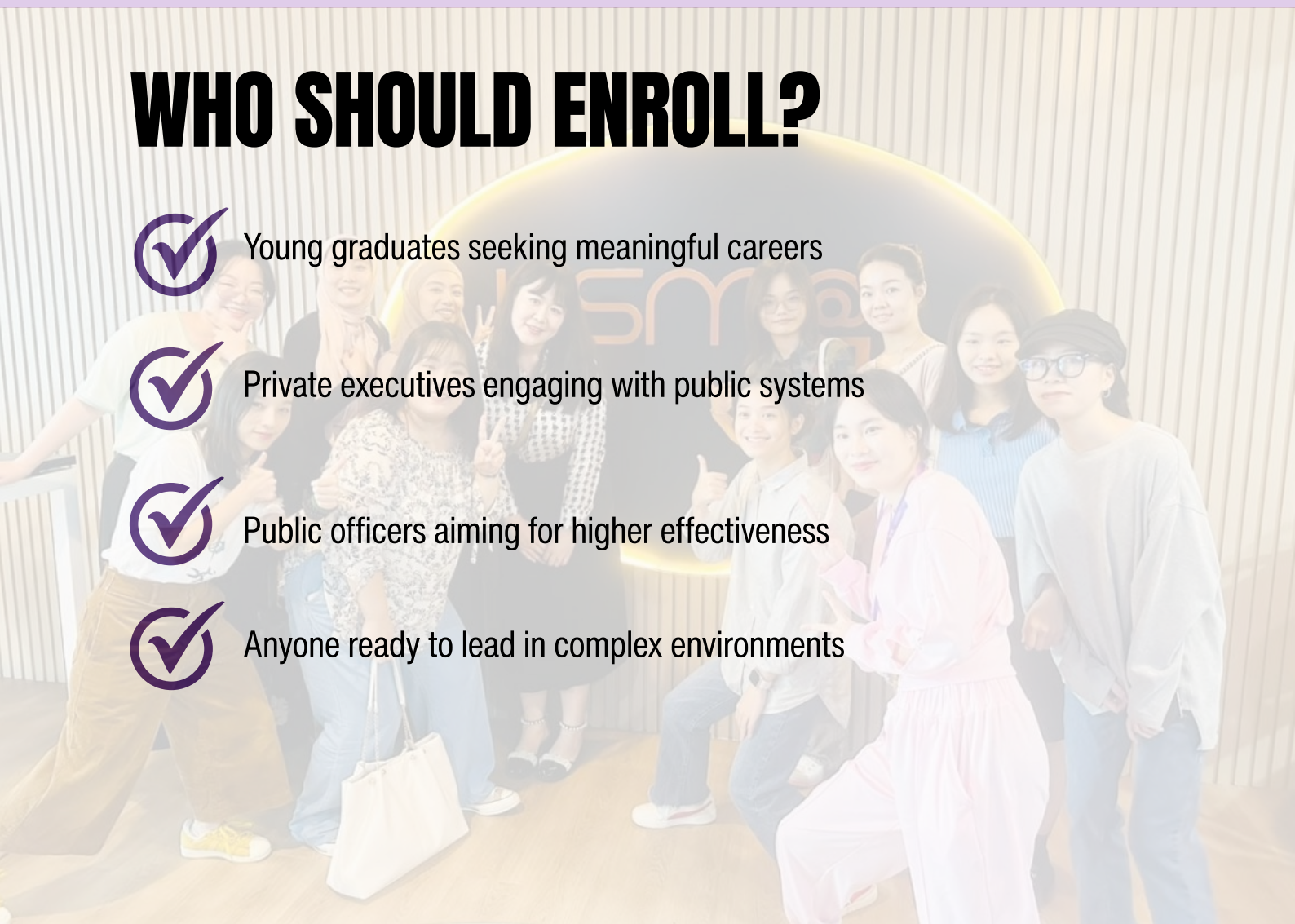
Private executives engaging with public systems



Public officers aiming for higher effectiveness



Anyone ready to lead in complex environments





WHY STUDY AT MPA USM@KUALA LUMPUR?

BENEFITS	LOCAL STUDENTS	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Urban Campus Access	Easily accessible via public transport	Central location close to embassies, NGOs, and international agencies
Networking Opportunities	Connect with government officials, think tanks, and private firms	Build global and regional networks through seminars and public forum
Professional Exposure	Engage with national policy institutions nearby	Close to Malaysia's policymaking and business hubs
Flexible Learning	Evening/weekend classes possible for working professionals	Convenient for visa holders, with nearby accommodations and facilities
Cultural Diversity	Study with peers from various sectors and states	Welcoming environment with multicultural experiences in the heart of KL

PROGRAM STRUCTURE



Full-time : 3 Semesters



Part-time : 6 Semesters



To graduate, students must complete 44 credit hours, consisting of:

- 32 credits of core courses (Semesters 1 & 2)
- 12 credits of elective courses (Semester 3)

Full-Time Program Structure (1 year)

Semester I	Semester II	Semester III
SPA501/4 SPA502/4 SPA504/4 SPA508/4	SPA503/4 SPA505/4 SPA506/4 SPA507/4	SPA512/4 SPA515/4 SPA517/4
	*Alternative: SPA 592/12	*Alternative: SPA592/12 : SPA591/4
16 credits	16 credits	12 credits

Part-Time Program Structure (2 years)

Year 1

Semester I	Semester II	Semester III
SPA501/4 SPA501/4	SPA503/4 SPA507/4	SPA512/4 SPA515/4
8 credits	8 credits	8 credits

Year 2

Semester I	Semester II	Semester III
SPA504/4 SPA508/4	SPA503/4 SPA505/4 *Alternative: SPA 592/12	SPA517/4 or SPA591/4 *Alternative: SPA 592/12
8 credits	8 credits	4 credits

COURSE SYNOPSIS

Course Code & Title	Simplified Synopsis
SPA501 Public Administration & the Political System	Understand how politics and institutions shape public administration. Learn to navigate systems and make impactful decisions.
SPA502 Research Methods	Learn to design, conduct, and evaluate research. Build skills to support evidence-based decisions across sectors.
SPA503 Organizational Management	Study how people and organizations behave. Improve leadership and management skills for any workplace.
SPA504 Economics for the Public Sector	Explore public finance, taxation, budgets, and the government's economic role in markets and development.
SPA505 Government & Politics in Malaysia	Analyse Malaysia's political system, policies, and development challenges. Understand state-nation dynamics.
SPA506 Public Sector Management	Examine key decisions and challenges in managing the public sector with modern concepts and theories.
SPA507 Issues in the Malaysian Economy	Understand Malaysia's key economic issues—like inflation and labor shortages—and related policies and strategies.
SPA508 Policy Analysis & Design	Learn how to develop, implement, and evaluate public policies effectively using real-world tools and frameworks.
SPA512 Case Studies in Public Sector Management	Apply theory to real government cases. Learn to solve public sector problems through strategic thinking.
SPA515 Ethics & Administration	Explore ethical dilemmas, values, and decision-making in public service with Eastern and Western perspectives.
SPA517 Globalisation & Regionalism	Discover how globalization and regional cooperation (like ASEAN/EU) shape nations, governance, and institutions
SPA591 Independent Studies	Tailor your learning by exploring a topic of personal or professional interest under faculty supervision.
SPA592 Research Project Paper	Conduct an in-depth research project over two semesters and write a 25,000-word thesis with academic guidance.



F E E S

Malaysian (MYR)

Registration Fee :

310.00

Tuition Fee:

525.00 X 44 Units = **23,100.00**

Convocation Fee :

200.00

International (USD)

Registration Fee : **310.00**

Personal Bond : **1,000.00**

Tuition Fee:

200.00 X 44 Units = **8,800.00**

Convocation Fee :

50.00

The MPA Club

STUDENT ACTIVITY

Activities organized and conducted by students are integral to the success of a graduate program of this nature. This program aims to bring together students from various academic disciplines, careers and experiences into a common enterprise to foster exchanges in knowledge and experiences between them. One way to achieve this, and to encourage a sense of community among all participants, is the formation of an MPA club as part of the program.

Students themselves with advice from one of the core faculty members manage the Club. It organizes related activities, for example, field trips, guest lectures, annual dinner-talks, and recreational activities, to encourage interaction among students and between students and faculty during the duration of the program and after graduation. The Club has its annual general meeting to elect a management committee in the third week of the first semester.



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