

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN “POLITICAL SCIENCE”

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The Master of Science in “Political Science”, profiled in Project Management and Evaluation, and Public Administration aims to seize the numerous challenges and the enormous opportunities resulting from the many varied processes of reform and regulatory innovation of Albanian Public Administration. It should be borne in mind, precisely in this sense, that these reform forces have affected public organizations in the traditional role ascribed to them within national borders.

In this sense, the crucial planning phase, especially concerning the functional relationships between public administration and the definition of performance objectives compatible with political planning. Today requires its opening towards fundamental issues such as, for example, co-value or co-production and co-generation of value in the public sphere. These latter aspects represent truly decisive topics in the current and future public administration. The systematic and continuous lack of resources means that these mutualisms are no longer straightforward, innovative proposals but necessities to guarantee the administered community's effective and efficient delivery of public services.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the completion of the programme the student:

- Knows the functioning and logic of political systems, of diplomatic, economic and political relations between states, of the ways of constructing political decisions, and of the relations between political institutions and public opinion
- Knows of the main analysis methodologies of political, institutional and organizational processes of states, of the global system, of polities of states. The methodologies are those of the empirical social sciences (in particular of political science) and of socio-political theory also in its philosophical and historical components.
- Has skills of multidisciplinary analysis - through the use of the methodologies of the sciences and disciplines mentioned above - and skills of comparative analysis of political, institutional and organizational processes at the state level and at the level of polities of states.
- Has operational skills in the framework of public or private organizations and agencies that implement administrative, managerial or production strategies in national, international and multicultural contexts.

PROFILE: PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND EVALUATION

- Knows the main strategies of governmental and non-governmental political actors to communicate in the contemporary international public sphere.
- Masters the concepts of Public Diplomacy, Soft Power, and Digital Diplomacy;
- Assumes responsibility as a professional practitioner of project management, applying Project management principles and practices while maintaining high standards of practice, making ethical judgments and decisions in a respectful, and sustaining professional standing through a commitment to life-long learning
- Demonstrates effective use of written, verbal, and non-verbal communication, uses industry terminology, writes a variety of Project Management documents and plans, applies processes required to manage the communications of a project (including appropriate and timely management of project information), and uses technology appropriate to the task

- Applies the Project management processes to initiate, plan, execute, monitor and control, and close projects and to coordinate all the elements of the project in the field of international relations.
- Strategically applies project management practices in a variety of organizational and international settings, mainly within the framework of international institutions

PROFILE: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

- Knows the main theories regarding Public Administration;
- Possesses complete and extensive mastery of knowledge and tools of political analysis, functional to an in-depth understanding of political systems and of the relationships between these and the respective systems of mass communications;
- Knows the current developments and configurations of the central democratic political systems;
- Has the tools to analyze social phenomena, decision-making processes and organizational models, and political structures that characterize contemporary societies, placing them in the appropriate historical context
- Possess more in-depth knowledge of at least one specific political and social sciences field: political-organizational, sociological, and economical.

PROGRAMME CURRICULA

MSc.: POLITICAL SCIENCE				
No.	Year	Sem	Course	ECTS
A - GENERAL SUBJECTS 5-10% / 12 ECTS/ 2 lëndë				
1	I	1	Advanced Research Methods	6
2	I	2	Quantitative Research Methods	6
B - CHARACTERIZING/CORE SUBJECTS 50-60%/60 ECTS				
1	I	1	Contemporary Political Theories	6
2	I	1	Comparative Governance Systems	6
3	I	1	Campaign Conception and Management	6
4	I	2	Theory of Political Behavior	6
5	I	2	Political Institutions	6
6	I	1	Human Rights	6
7	I	2	International Political Economy	6
8	II	1	Contemporary Mass Communication	6
9	II	1	EU Policies	6
10	II	1	Comparative Constitutional Law	6
C - INTERDISCIPLINARY/INTEGRATING/ELECTIVE SUBJECTS 12-20% / 18 ECTS				



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Profile I:			<i>PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION</i>		
1	I	2	Public Sector Management	6	
2	II	2	Evaluation of Public Policies	6	
3	II	1	Project Management and Evaluation	6	
Profile II:			<i>PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND EVALUATION</i>		
1	II	1	Project Management and Evaluation	6	
2	I	2	Human Resources Management	6	
3	II	2	Economic Evaluation of Projects	6	
D- ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS/ 10% / 12 ECTS					
1	II	2	Internship	12	
E - FINAL OBLIGATIONS 10-15%/18 ECTS					
1	II	1-2	Diploma Thesis	18	
				TOTAL	120