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**Note: Examinations
will be conducted on-site.**



DURATION
One Year



MEDIUM
English



COMMENCEMENT
December 2026



APPLICATION DEADLINE
20th October 2026



University of Colombo
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**APPLICATION
DEADLINE
20th OCT
2026**

**Master of
Public Administration
and Management
(MPA&M) 2026/27**

SLQF Level 09 - (30 Credits)

Class Mode:

**ONLINE MODE
WEEKDAY EVENINGS**

**Monday to Friday
7.00pm - 9.00pm**

Course Fees

	LOCAL STUDENTS	FOREIGN STUDENTS
APPLICATION FEE		
Application Fee	LKR 3,000/=	40 USD
PROGRAMME FEE		
Registration Fee	LKR 5,000/=	65 USD
Course Fee	LKR 229,500/=	3,073 USD
Library Fee	LKR 1,500/=	20 USD
Examination Fee	LKR 14,000/=	175 USD
OPTIONAL		
Refundable Library Deposit	LKR 5,000/=	
TOTAL FEE Excluding Refundable Library Deposit & Application Fee	LKR 250,000/=	3,333 USD

Introduction

Faculty of Graduate Studies of the University of Colombo, announces the commencement of its Master programme of Public Administration & Management (MPA&M) in the academic year 2026/2027.

The programme of study is designed on the one hand for the public sector employees, key players in the process of socio-economic development of a country and on the other hand for the Private sector employees and those who aspire entering into or to engage in activities relating to public administration and public management includes young graduates. MPA&M have been designed to enhance skills and capacities needed for the daunting task of managing public investments and personnel. These courses of studies are designed as online Programs so that candidates, who aspire to advance their career relating to local, provincial and national levels of public administration & management, can follow them from their home or office located in any part of the country. The program encourages them to explore theory and practice in both policy analysis and public management that need a mix of skills in order to create career opportunities as managers, analysts and consultants.

The programs of study would not only facilitate candidates to gain advanced knowledge but also help them to put new found knowledge and expertise to practice immediately in their own working environment. The contribution of such candidates to enhance the level of efficiency of the public and private sector delivery and execution of infrastructure and human capital development projects would be the expected outcome of the program.

The study programs provide a broad-based education that will equip the public sector managers with the necessary new knowledge and key transferable skills to begin or enhance their career in public administration & management related activities and business opportunities the course is underpinned by a variety of teaching and learning methods. The objective is to develop and foster self-reliance in analysis and problem solving and to provide with candidates the confidence to seek practical solutions to problems.



Admission Requirements

- ✓ A Bachelor's degree from a recognized University / Institution in Public Administration; **OR**
- ✓ Any other Bachelor's degree, with prior learning / work experience in Public Administration; **OR**
- ✓ Postgraduate Diploma (SLQF 8) from a recognized University / Institution or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Faculty Board and the Senate of the University of Colombo with prior learning / work experience in Public Administration; **OR**
- ✓ Professional qualification in Public Administration from a recognized professional body acceptable to the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Senate of University with prior learning / work experience in Public Administration; **OR**
- ✓ Completion of NVQ level 7 (Equivalent to Bachelor's degree in SLQF) with relevant work experience in Public Administration as determined by the Faculty Board and the Senate of the University; **AND**
- ✓ A good knowledge of English language and satisfactory performance at a selection test and/or an interview.

Medium and Methods of Instruction

English will be the medium of instruction. The teaching method will be online with the application of hybrid mode for review workshops. Candidates can follow the courses of study from their place of work or residences and they are not required to come to the University to attend the lectures. Candidates will be required to sit the written examination and write an independent study. This programme intends to provide knowledge in a theoretical sense as well as at a practical level.

How to Apply

Applications can be downloaded from the faculty website (**fgs.cmb.ac.lk**). Duly completed application form, certified copies of National Identity Card, birth certificate, relevant educational and professional qualifications, and work experience (if any) along with a scanned copy of the payment slip (of application processing fee) should be submitted via Apply Online weblink. (All above documents should be submitted as one PDF document.)

Application fee **LKR 3,000 (Local students) or 40 USD (Foreign students) (non-refundable)** can be paid using the code **318166800001** as the reference number at any Peoples' Bank branch or using our online payment portal (**pay.cmb.ac.lk**),

Apply Now <https://sims.cmb.ac.lk/fgs/registration>

AND

Completed application form and the photocopies of above mentioned original certified documents along with the payment slip should also be sent through the registered post to reach the Deputy Registrar, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo, No 35/30. Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07. Please mention the programme name on the left side of the envelope. Apply on or before **20th October 2026**.

Course Modules

MPAM-Semester I

MPAM 6101 Public Administration and Governance
MPAM 6102 Financial Management
MPAM 6103 Project Management
MPAM 6104 Strategic Management

MPAM-Semester II

MPAM 6205 Public Procurement Management
MPAM 6206 Information System Management
MPAM 6207 Research Methods
MPAM 6208 Independent Study