

# UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

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Mumbai - Governments are increasingly facing complex social, scientific and technological challenges. They call for carefully considered policy solutions. Despite strong public agreement on many of the society's goals, deciding which policies will be most effective is not a simple task. At another level the corporate and non-governmental sectors also need highly-skilled, well-trained policy analysts who can dissect a problem, analyze and interpret data, and evaluate and create alternative courses of action. Therefore there is an urgent need to train professionals well versed in policy analysis. Keeping this in mind, University of Mumbai has took innovative step multi-disciplinary two-year programme, Masters in Public Policy.

The course is designed for large number of talented youth who wish to pursue a career in public service, including government agencies, international organizations, corporate sector, non-profit sector and others. The eligibility to the Master's in Public Policy Programme is the Graduation degree (B.A., B.Sc., B.Com., B.E., B. Tech., B.B.A., M.B.B.S., etc.) from any university in India or abroad that is duly recognised under law and by the University Grants Commission.

## **Objectives**

The course seeks to provide:

- a thorough grounding in theory and practice of public policy;
- knowledge of political and policy processes and acquaintance with issues in governance;
- experience using tools of policy analysis and evaluation;
- the ability to apply economic and statistical analysis in policy development;
- research and project management skills;
- skills to conduct and appraise research critically;
- ability to engage in informed debate about major public policy issues in contemporary society.