



African University of Science and Technology [AUST]
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Master's in Public Administration

Ride on the wave of AUST's success

with a degree that offers you an opportunity to catapult your career in a new direction

As a pan-African university and a World Bank “Center of Excellence” which draws its faculty from over 140 of the world’s top academic and research institutions, and graduates with an extremely high employability rate, AUST has created a global footprint and now enjoys world-wide recognition as a place which produces high class graduates in Science and Engineering. You now have the opportunity to ride that wave of success by enrolling in one of AUST’s newest degree programs, the new Master’s in Public Administration.

This is a degree which draws its participants from a wide range of academic and professional backgrounds. Graduates in Public Administration generally rise to become key players and leaders in the international public service, as well as in national and regional government structures. This is a degree that will truly define a new career path for you. Course content includes components which will help you understand and appreciate the role of economic and political factors in the management of public service entities and enterprises, decision-making and policy formulation; data-driven analysis of policy options and issues.

Program structure

This is an intensive 36-credit program designed to impart skills that will enable graduates to play key middle to upper management roles in the public sector through specially selected courses over a continuous period of twelve calendar months and a limited amount of independent research.

The ideal candidate for this program

While this program is largely designed to target professionals already working in relevant fields, it is also an opportunity for those seeking a career change to move into public sector management from a wide range of professional backgrounds, as the coursework covers core areas of knowledge for effective engagement in a range of public administration and policy analysis issues. Under normal circumstances, ONLY CANDIDATES WITH A MINIMUM OF UPPER SECOND CLASS (2:1) UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE will be considered for admission into AUST Master’s programs.

Program cost

Please note that, while AUST has historically supported all its students with financing from an institutional scholarship program, **THIS IS NOT A SPONSORED PROGRAM**. So, unless you can secure your own funding or get

sponsorship from your employer, **please DO NOT submit an application**, the university will not have resources to fund this program. The cost of this program, for tuition only, is N N2 580 000 (for Nigerian students) \$8 000 (for international students). As this will be offered as a non-residential program, that fee does not include accommodation. For international students and applicants from outside Abuja, who may prefer to be “resident students”, additional fees apply, for board (food) and lodging. For further details on that, please e-mail dap@aust.edu.ng As space is limited, the first 20 applicants who qualify for admission may receive a special discount on the tuition fee.

Application process

To apply, please complete the form available at this [link](#) and submit online. Should you need more information before applying, please send an e-mail to dap@aust.edu.ng or call +234 907 034 3071 OR +234 907 034 3065.

Calendar

Closing date for applications: 16th November, 2018

Selection of candidates, including interviews: 5-16th November, 2018

Classes start: 7th January, 2019

Completion of classes: 19th December, 2019

Last date to submit projects: 8th March, 2020

Course Structure

Philosophy

The philosophy of the MPA program is to broaden and deepen the intellectual exposure of the students in core areas of Public Administration so as to develop their capability to analyze and apply those skills and knowledge in solving problems in their work as public administration professionals, especially in the African context. The program is designed for professional practice and is therefore tilted more to practical and field case studies.

Objectives

The MPA program is designed to develop expertise in Public Administration and equip participants with the skills to tackle the numerous administrative failures in Africa.

Course Structure

The program structure is such that, to fulfill requirements for graduation, students must have 36 credit units made up of: nine core courses (3 credits each), two electives (2 credits each) and a Thesis (5 credits) as listed below.

Core Courses

Credit Units

Leadership, Ethics and Social Justice	3
Organizational Theory and Behaviour	3
Budgets and Finance in Public Enterprises	3
Comparative Public Administration	3

Economics and Planning of Development Projects	3
Administrative Law	3
E-Government in Public Sector Administration	3
Personnel Management in the Public Sector	3
Research Methods and Communication of Data	3
Research Project	6

Electives (select two courses)

Performance Measurement and Management	2
Local Government Administration	2
Urban and Regional Planning	2
Topical Issues in Public Enterprises Management	2
Intergovernmental Relations	2