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## **Master's in Public Policy**

### **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 Policy, the only one of its kind in West Africa.

This is a degree which draws its participants from a wide range of academic and professional backgrounds. It is also very different from Public Administration, as it includes many components of policy analysis, decision modelling and policy design. Graduates from public policy programs 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 public decision-making and policy formulation; microeconomic analysis of policy options and issues; resource allocation and decision modeling; using statistical methods for forecasting and analysing data; and various components with applications to specific areas of public policy, eg energy policy, environmental policy, information technology policy, health policy, etc.

### **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 policy from a wide range of professional backgrounds, as the coursework covers core areas of knowledge for effective engagement in a range of public policy 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:dap@aust.edu.ng) or call +234 907 034 3071 OR +234 907 034 3065.

## Calendar

***Closing date for applications:*** 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

***Selection of candidates, including interviews:*** 5-16<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

***Classes start:*** 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

***Completion of classes:*** 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

***Last date to submit projects:*** 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

## Course Structure

The MPP program is a 36-credit unit degree, consisting of nine core courses, two electives and an independent research project.

### Main Courses

### Credit Units

Public Policy Analysis	3	3
Organization Structure and Management in the Public Sector	3	
Public Enterprise Budgets and Finance Policy	3	
Comparative Public Policy Analysis	3	
Economic Development Policy Analysis	3	
Regulatory Policy and Administrative Law	3	
ICT in Public Policy Analysis	3	
Science, Technology and Innovation Policy	3	
Research Methods and Communication	3	

### Electives (select two courses)

Public Policy Seminar	2	
Foreign Policy		2
Petroleum and Energy Policy		

Education Policy	2
Agriculture and Food Security Policy	2
Health Policy	2
Manufacturing and SME Policy	
Security Policy	2
Infrastructure Policy	2
Gender and Development Policy	2
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