



SIPG

Master in Public Policy and Governance (MPPG)

OVERVIEW



South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG)
North South University

South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) of North South University, is the only and pioneering institute with a regional focus on policy and governance in Bangladesh. The Institute started its journey in 2008 as a Public Policy and Governance Program (PPG) at North South University intending to cater to knowledge in the broader field of policy, governance, and public administration. In 2018, after a decade, the PPG program upgraded to a full-fledged Institute to facilitate the academic program, and regional research on various issues related to policy regimes, governance challenges, and discourses in the context of South Asia.

SIPG offers a thesis-based international master's degree program on Public Policy and Governance (MPPG). MPPG is a unique master's degree program in South Asia that provides education and hands-on experience in public policy and governance to professionals mostly from the civil service of Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. The program has received recognition and acceptance from regional governments and donors. Till 2022, from 10 batches more than 170 students have graduated with MPPG degrees who are young civil servants and professionals from Bangladesh and other South Asian and South East Asian countries like Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Malaysia. In 2021 SIPG also commenced the one-year Executive Masters in Policy and Governance (EMPG) for professionals from Bangladesh.

MPPG aims to teach students about policy and governance issues related to government and non-government institutions. MPPG alumni from Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka have been appointed or posted in various government ministries, higher education institutions, civil administration, training institutes for civil servants, and national and international NGOs.

SIPG VISION

To become a leading academic and research institute in policy and governance studies in Bangladesh and South Asia

SIPG GOALS

- To develop professional leaders in policy and governance through education and research
- To generate and disseminate local and regional knowledge on policy and governance

SIPG MISSIONS

- Providing quality education by national/international faculty members and practitioners
- Developing a competent research team with South Asian scholars and experts
- Building networks and partnerships with public organizations and other stakeholders

MPPG IN BRIEF

Degree	: Master in Public Policy and Governance (MPPG)
Department	: Department of Political Science and Sociology (PSS)
University	: North South University (NSU), Dhaka, Bangladesh
Duration	: Around 2 Years
Credits	: 36 Credits

STRUCTURE OF MPPG

- 4 semesters (full-time);
- The medium of instruction is English;
- 10 courses (8 Compulsory, and 2 Elective)
- The last semester is fully dedicated to MPPG thesis writing which equals 9 credits.
- Reading materials for each course comprise about 600-650 pages of compendium and textbooks.
- Eligible candidates are career civil servants, executives from NGOs, academics, and researchers

ADMISSION FOR MPPG

- One intake each year;
- Students come mostly from Bangladesh, and a few from Nepal, and Sri Lanka
- Eligible candidates are career civil servants, executives from NGOs, academics, and researchers;
- Fresh graduates can apply only in the self-finance category;
- A written admission test is taken on English, Aptitude, and Analytical Skills, (Total of 75 marks);
- A viva voce exam (total of 25 marks) is also taken.



FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS

- SIPG Resource Center;
- SIPG Computer Lab with internet and printing facilities;

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Academic Requirements

- Must have a bachelor's degree (minimum four years of study) from any recognized university in Bangladesh or abroad;
- At least second-class results or CGPA of 2.75 (on a 4-point scale) in all exams;
- Any academic background (Arts/Business/Social Science/Science) is eligible;
- Foreign degree holders are discouraged from applying.

Other Requirements

- The maximum age limit is 45 years;
- Approval of Deputation/Study Leave/Resignation Letter;
- Publications in recognized/peer-reviewed journals can add extra value for admission;
- Standard language test results (IELTS/TOEFL/GRE/GMAT) are not mandatory, but standard scores in those tests can add extra value for admission.

Requirement for Self-Financed Candidates

- At least a Bachelor's or equivalent degree;
- Tuition and other fees are applicable as per NSU rules.

Allocation of Courses in different Semesters (Tentative)

First Semester: 9 Credits	Second Semester: 9 Credits
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PPG 501: Theories and Approaches of Public Administration• PPG 505: Organization Theory and Behaviour• PPG 520: Contemporary Issues in Governance & Public Management• PPG 500: Graduate English (non-credit)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PPG 510: Research Methodology• PPG 515: Public Policy Analysis• PPG 540: Globalization and International Organizations (Elective) OR• PPG 535: Theories and Process of Accountability (Elective)
Third Semester: 9 Credits	Fourth Semester: 9 Credits
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PPG 565: Research Design Seminar• PPG 525: Development Management and Field Studies• PPG 545: Public Sector Financial Management (Elective)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PPG 555: MPPG Thesis (9 Credits)• PPG 560: Dissertation Seminar (non-credit)

List of Elective Courses (usually one is offered in the 2nd & 3rd semester)

- PPG 530: NGOs, Civil Society, and Private Sector
- PPG 535: Theories and Process of Accountability
- PPG 540: Globalization and International Organizations
- PPG 545: Public Sector Financial Management
- PPG 550: Fundamentals of Economics
- PPG 570: Gender and Governance