

Why you should consider a MA in Public Administration at the University of Nicosia?

The program offers the opportunity for specialization in the field of public administration, both theoretically and practically, opening broad career prospects across the public, private, and non-governmental sectors. It is expected that the Master of Arts in Public Administration will equip its graduates with additional qualifications and enhance their cognitive and managerial capacities, thereby enriching their career opportunities. The program particularly highlights special legal and administrative issues of great theoretical and practical importance, encouraging a comparative approach within the contemporary global and regional context, to address contemporary problems and challenges in a theoretically informed yet practically efficient manner. The program aims to provide postgraduate education and skills to conduct independent research in relevant fields, achieving a deep understanding of the complexity of public and international affairs and the paramount importance of theoretical and methodological competence in dealing with them.

The programme is offered in English.

9 Reasons to study a MA in Public Administration

1. **INTERNATIONAL SCOPE:** Degree taught in an EU country and with an international focus and case examples from Europe and other regions.
2. **WIDE CAREER PROSPECTS:** Graduates can pursue careers in the local, national, regional and international public sectors, as well as private companies and non-governmental organizations.
3. **EXPERT, INTER-DISCIPLINARY FACULTY:** The program is run by faculty with academic expertise and field experience in law, political science, public policy, political economy, public administration, and management.
4. **RECOGNITION:** Was awarded a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on EU Politics, and a Jean Monnet Chair in EU Integration by the European Commission.

5. **RESEARCH ACTIVITY:** Publishes The Cyprus Review, the premier English-language peer review journal on original Cypriot-related research, the Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Review, the only peer review journal with this regional focus, in cooperation with the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and the Public Administration Review.
6. **ENGAGEMENT WITH SOCIETY:** Established the pioneering think-tank and research unit “Cyprus Centre for European and International Affairs”, which stimulates public debate on the broader region.
7. **STRONG NEWTORK:** Runs the Diplomatic Academy, which collaborates with institutions such as the European Parliament Office in Cyprus and the Cyprus Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
8. **FLEXIBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY:** The e-learning/distance learning (online) format allows students to combine their studies with work or other commitments.
9. **PASS FOR DOCTORAL DEGREE:** This programme enables you to pursue third-cycle studies, e.g., admission for a PhD.

Admission to the programme

There are 2 academic semesters for which you can register:

- Fall Semester, which starts at the end of September 2025. Applications for the Fall Semester 2025 can be accepted until mid-September 2025.
- Spring Semester, which starts at the end of January 2026. Applications for the Spring Semester can be accepted until mid-January 2026

There is a possibility that the available positions in any given programme are filled before the end of the registration period, in which case the application process might be interrupted before the end of the registration period.

Duration of Studies

The minimum duration of studies for the Distance Learning Master of Arts in Public Administration is three semesters and the maximum duration is eight semesters.

There is the possibility of 1-year duration of studies for full-time students who choose the Master's Thesis, with the extension to the Summer Session.

Method of Delivery and Final Assessment

The courses are being delivered via the Moodle platform, and the material consists of lectures, readings, assignments, participation in teleconferences using WebEx and a final exam at the end of each semester. With the exception of the WebEx sessions, the rest of the material is asynchronous.

The final examinations take place through distance learning.

The final exams for Fall Semester 2025 will take place in January 2026.

The final exams for Spring Semester 2026 will take place in May/June 2026.

Technical Information

The link below includes important information regarding the technological requirements for the successful completion of your Distance Learning programme:

<https://www.unic.ac.cy/distance-learning/technical-information/>

Fees

The total tuition for the Distance Learning Master of Arts in Public Administration for the academic year 2025-2026 for EU students is €7020.

The tuition fees are determined at the beginning of each academic year for newly admitted students and are not subject to change throughout their studies. An initial deposit is made before registration, and the rest of the semester's tuition is payable in three monthly instalments. The application fee is €60 (non-refundable).

Admission Requirements and Procedures

In order to start processing your application, we need to receive the following documents:

1. Application Form – All fields must be filled in, including field 9 (recommendations).
You may find attached the application form.
2. Curriculum Vitae.
3. Attested copy of your degree – A Bachelor degree from a recognized university in politics, international relations, governance, European studies, law, or other related field.
4. Attested Copy of your Transcript.
5. Personal Statement: A letter by the prospective student expressing his/her interest in following the programme, including his/her interest in following the programme, including his/her CV.
6. Two recommendation letters.
7. English Language Certificate: Students satisfy the English language requirements if their first degree was taught in English. Otherwise, they need to present an average score of 550, GCSE “O” Level with minimum “C”, or IELTS with a score of an average 5.5-6.5, or a score placement at the ENGL-101 level of the University English Placement Test.
8. Knowledge of more than one foreign language will be considered an advantage.

For academic information regarding the programme you may contact the academic coordinator Dr. Giorgos Charalambous via email: charalambous.gi@unic.ac.cy