

Master in Public Policy and Governance (MPPG) program is a 2-year master degree program in the [Department of General and Continuing Education \(GCE\)](#) at [North South University](#) . The program started in Fall 2008 semester, jointly with [Department of Administration and Organization Theory](#) of [University of Bergen](#) , Norway and [Central Department of Public Administration \(CDPA\)](#) of [Tribhuvan University](#) , Nepal. [University of Peradeniya](#) from Sri Lanka joined the partnership group around the end of 2008. This program is funded by [NOMA \(Norad's Master Studies Program\)](#) as a part of the capacity building of the public sector management practitioners.

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This program, the one of its kind in South Asia, aims to attract students from the South Asian region. The MPPG degree is designed to enhance academic competence and professional skills among practitioners, academics, researchers in government, non-government, higher learning and research institutions. The program aims to produce graduates with professional skills to map, analyze, and participate in matters related to public policy and governance drawing on the forefronts of research, practice, and pedagogy in these fields. The potential program participants are drawn initially from the professionals of Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. However, a few participants are also drawn from the fresh graduates. Knowledge empowerment and knowledge transfer are facilitated through encouraging faculty members, young professionals and students to participate in research, publish research works, and disseminate findings.

The program is successfully running for almost two years with two annual intakes. A total of 44 master degree students in two batches are currently enrolled in the program. These students come from Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka and a majority of them are from the civil services (at the level of Senior Assistant Secretary). This program has gained popularity at home and the partnering countries.