



THE UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA
School of Business and Public Policy
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC POLICY LEADING TO
MASTER OF ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC POLICY (MEPP)



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The Graduate Diploma in Economic and Public Policy leading to The Master of Economic and Public Policy (MEPP) is designed for working executives who are currently holding managerial positions and who wish to upgrade their knowledge and skills in economics and public policy at the postgraduate level. The program is partly course work and partly research, and provides a strong academic platform to update and upgrade an executive's competency in economic and public policy analysis and problem-solving skills to a complex range of problems that are facing Papua New Guinea. The course reflects current, global, economic, and policy changes towards a demand for economists and public policy experts in PNG.

Admission Requirements for GDEPP Program

Admission to the GDEPP Program is only granted to those applicants who will benefit fully from an intensive program. Applicants are expected to have reasonable work experience in the middle/senior level of management in Public/Private/Bank/Non-Governmental Organizations, acquired after their first degree.

Applicants should:

- Have a quality first degree in Economics and/or Public Policy from a recognized University, or an equivalent qualification;
- Have a minimum of two-years in management level work experience, acquired after the first degree; and
- Be fluent in English and be computer literate.

Structure of GDEPP Program

Terms	Course Number	Course Name	Credit Points
Term 1			
	3.63404	Governance and Institutions	5
	3.60303	Quantitative Research Methods	5
	3.63405	Issues in Public Sector Management	5
Term 2			
	3.60304	Microeconomic Analysis and Policy	5
	3.63406	Managing Government Finances	5
	xxxxxx	Elective	5
Term 3			
	3.63408	Qualitative Research Methods	5
	3.60306	Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy	5
	xxxxxx	Elective	5
			45

Electives

Trimester-2: 1. Development Thinking and Policy	3.63407
2. Resource Economic Policy	3.60305
Trimester-3: 1. Program Management Evaluation	3.63409
2. Applied Cost Benefit Analysis	3.60307

Procedure into a Master of Economic and Public Policy (MEPP) Program, on Completion of the GDEPP Program

The Graduate Diploma in Economic and Public Policy (GDEPP) Program is a prerequisite for entry into the Master of Economic and Public Policy (MEPP) Program. On completion of the GDEPP Program, those executives who wish to enrol into the MEPP Program will have the following two choices. Either to pursue MEPP:

1. Exclusively by **Course Work**, with thirty (30) credit points; or
2. Undertaking the combination of course work, with fifteen (15) credit points, together with research work, with fifteen (15) credit points.

Structure of the MEPP Program

This course is designed to fill the void in economics and public policy at an advanced level in the work force — particularly in government and areas of industry whose focus is on managing the economy and dealing with the government's policy environment. It targets mid-to-senior level staff who have had prior experience in the work force, and who would like to improve their knowledge base and skills in economics and public policy.

The sequencing of courses follows a trimester system and entails three different exit points - Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, and Master in Economic and Public Policy (MEPP). The exit points give flexibility to the enrolled students to exit whenever they choose, based on their acquired skills. It also gradually builds students to a level where they can competently undertake a full Masters Program (MEPP) - a part of which requires individual research, leading to the completion of a research paper.

Structure of the MEPP Program (Exclusively by Course Work for 30 credit points)

Term 4			
	3.60308	PNG Economic and Policy Issues	5
	3.60309	Global Economic and Policy Issues	5
	3.60310	Reading and Seminar Paper	5
Term 5			
	3.61211	Corporate Governance and Business Ethics	5
	3.60801	Strategic Management	5
	3.61210	Project Planning & Management	5
			30

Structure of the MEPP Program (Combination of Course Work for 15 Credit Points, and Research Work for 15 Credit Points. Total = 30 Credit Points)

Year 2			
Term 4			
	3.60308	PNG Economic and Policy Issues	5
	3.60309	Global Economic and Policy Issues	5
	3.60310	Reading and Seminar Paper	5
Term 5			
	3.60311	MEPP Research Paper	15
			30

Full MEPP Credit Points = GDEPP (45) + 30 points = 75 points