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# MASTER PROGRAM POLITICAL SCIENCE



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## MOHAMMED VI POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

Mohammed VI Polytechnic University is an institution oriented towards applied research and innovation. Focused on Africa, it seeks a position at the forefront of these fields and become a university of international standing.

UM6P applies a «learning by doing» approach and develops strong partnerships with world-class universities to promote leadership and training in targeted research areas. By contributing to the training of a new generation of researchers, entrepreneurs, and leaders, UM6P is committed to position Morocco and Africa at the forefront of technology and humanities fields.

### HUMANITIES, ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES CLUSTER

The Social Sciences, Economics and Humanities Cluster at Mohammed VI Polytechnic University is a teaching and research ecosystem that closely brings together three entities: Faculty of Governance, Economics and Social Sciences (FGSES); offering Undergraduate, Master's as well as Ph.D. programs, the Africa Institute for Research in Economics and Social Sciences (AIRES); geared towards research, the Public Policy School (PPS); offering executive education programs for decisionmakers in both public and private sectors.

Each of these entities fulfills its own mission; using the knowledge and experience shared among a community of professors, researchers, scholars as well as public decision makers.

All three entities have a common goal. They contribute to the development of the African continent and endow public policies with solid knowledge as well as highly skilled professional profiles that critically address issues facing the continent and the globe.

The pursuit of such a goal is driven by the idea of a New South that has intellectually freed itself from frames of thought that restricted its reflection on its own destiny by setting models to follow. Now that the New South can, for itself, critically ponder on the challenges it faces, it is positioned to advance fresher perspectives by tapping into multiple resources readily available in the form of academic knowledge and hands-on experience from its own decision-makers.

Such orientation has been developed through a combination of three fields; social sciences, economics, and the Humanities covering, in turn, four disciplines: Political Science, Applied Economics, International Relations, and Behavioral Sciences for Public Policy. These disciplines constitute in themselves the cardinal points that inform teaching as well as research programs within the larger ecosystem.

The cluster strives to enhance skills relating to independent thinking as well as critical engagement and collaboration across all segments of the academic community, from students to faculty. It aims to train well-rounded and balanced profiles that value the merit of classical education but at the same time integrate innovative approaches and methods in thinking design. Such profiles can therefore devise models that involve a fair degree of abstract thinking but take full account of the reality of the ground.

### FACULTY OF GOVERNANCE, ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

All undergraduate and graduate study programs are housed at Faculty of Governance, Economics and Social Sciences (FGSES). The Bachelor's, Master's and the Ph.D levels in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences lay due emphasis upon public policy-making and analysis of specific issues within Morocco and, more broadly, the African Continent as a whole. Such programs combine the classical corpus knowledge with the latest findings, discoveries and insights in social sciences, economics and humanities to ensure world-class tuition and research in four major disciplinary areas: Applied Economics, Political Science, International Relations and Behavioral Sciences for Public Policy.

At the undergraduate level, students combine the major stream of their choice with a concentration track. They can choose from seven concentration areas: Law, Decision & Behavior, Data Analysis for Politics, Political Economy & Development studies, Business, Political Science and International Relations. Such a pedagogical arrangement allows students to make well thought out choices in light of their goals and thereby develop skills that are high-in-demand in the job marketplace.

Study programs aim to foster autonomy in learning, hindsight in thinking and discernment in decision-making. They allow students to combine personal fulfillment with a commitment to the common good and thus offer them excellent career opportunities in administrations, international organizations as well as research institutions.

## What is the Master in Political Science?

The MA program in Political Science is part of the university's mission to combine the scholarly and applied in search of workable solutions facing the Global South in general, and the African continent in particular. There is thus a pronounced desire to include both research and teaching covering the variety of challenges facing Africa, and indeed, the world. In addition to more traditional political science themes like political parties, elections, public opinion, public administration, public policy, and political philosophy, the professors teaching in the programme also work on various themes with direct relevance to the African continent such as like civil wars, political violence, conflict resolution, constitutional politics, institutional reform, gender politics, geopolitics, radicalisation, energy politics, political risk analysis, cross-national dynamics, and political development. Most of the international professors teaching in the programme were trained at various universities outside Morocco, but they work together with those who have both scholarly and applied experience in Morocco. The area expertise of the teaching staff covers the entire continent. Another indication of the scholarly diversity represented in the programme is the existence of various methodological specialisations ranging from formal models and quantitative approaches to historical, anthropological, legal, philosophical, and applied research methods. All members of the teaching staff have field-research experience and expertise. Following the first year dedicated to course work and methodological training, during the second year of the programme students will work with professors of their choice and pick their own fields of specialisation thereby combining both breadth and depth. Some of our graduates put this formation to use as future scholars and researchers, others channel their training into the applied side of political science and work for national and international civil services, media, consultancies, non-governmental organisations, development agencies, and business.

## What skills does the Master's program target ?

- Developing a critical analysis of themes relating to power or politics, making use of the tools of political science, history, philosophy, sociology and economics.
- Understanding new modes of expression and social mobilization.
- Developing analyzes on political institutions and their interactions with the various social actors
- Understanding the foundations of politics and power relations in African states.
- Analyzing and evaluating the conditions for adopting public policies in the Moroccan and African contexts.

The duration of the Master's degree in Political Science is two years. Each year is divided into two semesters. The first three semesters are devoted to the teaching of modules: 6 per semester, generally. The fourth semester is devoted to the completion of a Master's thesis.



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## Admission

This Master's degree is open to applicants who have obligatorily completed a course in political science, public law, sociology, political philosophy, or any other social science course that has enabled them to acquire a grounding in political science and a general knowledge of the social sciences.

To apply please go to:

<https://admission.fgses-um6p.ma>

## Scholarship

FGSES scholarships take into consideration the academic excellence of applicants and the diversity of their geographical and social backgrounds.

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