



St. Xavier's College, Mumbai.

(Empowered Autonomous Institute)

MA (Public Policy)

Admissions for Academic Year 2024-25

About the programme:

Policy making is an essential part of all governance in the Public, Private and Civil Sectors. Government ministries routinely publish policy briefs which become the framework for law making in that field. For instance the National Education Policy was first promulgated in 2020 and has been adopted at the undergraduate and postgraduate level in all autonomous colleges of Maharashtra in 2023-24. Public policy has to be based on sound socio-economic parameters for it to be successful and relevant. This course is thus interdisciplinary taking into account inputs from Sociology, Economics, Politics with specialised courses in Environmental, Health, Gender, Urban, and Rural policy. Keeping in mind that today technology plays an important role in policy making and needs to be regulated, a specialised course in Technology in Policymaking has been introduced. This course is also global in outlook. Not only is there a specific course in Comparative Global Public Policy, every course compares and contrasts specific policies in India with relevant counterparts in other countries. Evaluations are done creatively with students visiting policy makers, making mock policies as projects, and collecting inputs from policy makers in their respective fields. The course is ideal for Civil Servants, NGO/Development practitioners, those who aspire to join government services, those who desire to research and publish in the field of Public Policy, those who wish to join policy research centres / organizations, those who wish to work in the field of Corporate Social Responsibility, Communications / Media related work around policy issues and consultancy for the Public Sector. Our alumni are members of think tanks,

policy consultancy firms and some have become officers in government services. Some of our students have gone on to do further studies at prestigious universities like LSE, Berkeley, Cambridge.

Course Timings: 5 – 8 PM from Monday to Saturday.

The Course is run by St. Xavier’s College (Empowered Autonomous) and the degree is awarded by the University of Mumbai.

In 2023-24, we implemented the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The courses offered in the Four semesters of the MA in Public Policy under NEP are listed in the table below.

Semester 1	Semester 2
Public Policy Analysis	Economy, Society and Public Policy
Politics of Redistribution: Issues of Inclusion and Exclusion	Quantitative Methods and Data Analytics
Law and Public Policy	Gender and Public Policy
Urban Planning Policy (Elective)	Environment and Public Policy (Elective)
Rural Policy (Elective)	Health Policy (Elective)
Introduction to Research Methodology	Field Project (Internship)
On-Job Training	
Semester 3	Semester 4
Economic Institutions and Public Policy	Development & Public Policy
Project Planning, Management & Evaluation	Comparative Public Policy
Technology and Public Policy	Ethics & Public Policy
Foreign Policy (Elective)	Education Policy (Elective)
Globalisation and Labour Policy (Elective)	Media & Public Policy (Elective)
Dissertation: Proposal & Preliminary Work	Dissertation

Further details about syllabi may be obtained from the college website: <https://xaviers.ac/academics/syllabus>. Queries about the MPP programme and admissions may be directed to mpp@xaviers.edu

Eligibility:

Anybody having validly completed a BA/BSc/BCom program can apply. Applications that do not meet this eligibility criterion may not be considered during the selection process, even if the application processing fee has been paid. There will be no refund of the fee.

Admission will be merit-based taking into account the selection criteria that is mentioned in the relevant section below. Semester VI marks will be preferred, but if

these have not been declared then Semester V marks will be considered for the same. However, admission granted on the basis of Semester V marks will be provisional, and will be subject to the applicant successfully qualifying at the BA/BSc/BCom degree and fulfilling the eligibility criteria as per University of Mumbai rules. Marks & relevant documents will be verified at the time of admission. On admission to the course the original consolidated or third year mark sheet(s) must be submitted to the college office.

Please go through the application procedure and selection criteria outlined in below prior to filling the online form.

Application procedure:

- Candidates can apply online by logging on to www.xaviers.ac. Click on the appropriate link to fill the online application form.
- The online application portal will be open from 9 am (IST) on 25th April 2024 to 6 pm (IST) on 1st June 2024.
- The instructions given on the form must be followed for filling the same.
- In case the candidate is applying for a seat under minority/special category/Student with Disability (SWD), it is mandatory to upload a clear and legible scanned copy of proof, e.g., Baptism certificate for Christian minority, or the relevant document for special category and SWD.
- All the subjects and the corresponding marks must be entered in the online application form. Best of 4 or 5 subjects will not be accepted. Failure to fill in marks properly will result in disqualification.
- All applicants are mandatorily required to enter the marks of Semester V. and where possible, Semester VI. No GPA will be entertained.
- The following additional documents should be uploaded: Statement of Purpose (SOP) and Curriculum Vitae (C). Those on the merit list will be called for an online interview and material in the SOP and CV are likely to be used by the interview panel to gauge the suitability of candidates for the course.
- Candidates are required to make an online payment through the provided payment portal only. The fee for online application for MA in Public Policy is Rs. 1500/-. Once a payment has been officially received, the candidate will receive a confirmation email, informing him/her about the same.
- Note that the application procedure is entirely online and no in-person forms of any sort will be accepted.
- The college takes no responsibility for corrections or any other processing in case of details entered incorrectly. You will have to apply afresh with the correct details. No queries in this regard will be entertained.
- The last date for receipt of the application form is 1st June 2024 (6.00 pm). Any application received after this date will not be accepted.
- Application fees are non-refundable.

- In case you belong to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) as defined by the Government of India and you desire to apply for a concession in the application fee for the programme then please apply with all requisite documents to the Rector, The Bombay St. Xavier's College Society at **rectors.office@xaviers.edu**

Allocation of seats:

St. Xavier's College is a Christian Minority College, administered under the Provisions of the Indian Constitution. As per the Judgement dated 12th October 2017 of the Honorable Bombay High Court vide Writ Petition No.1726 of 2001, Minority Colleges do not need to set aside seats for Backward Classes. This was reiterated by the University of Mumbai Circular (No. Aff. / Recog.I / Admission (2018-19) / 10 / of 2018) dated 30th May 2018. Accordingly, the allocation of seats is as follows:

Category	Percentage of seats reserved
Management Quota	15%
Christian Minority	50%
Persons with disability	5%
Special**	3%
PM Cares for Children	Supernumerary

** The Special category is for the wards of transferred State / Central Government and Private Sector employees, Defense Personnel, Ex-Servicemen, Freedom Fighters; for students who have met with an accident and for award winners at the District / State / National Level in Sports or Cultural activities.

Seats for international students are supernumerary. Applications for those seats must be done through the University of Mumbai website (www.mu.ac.in), or you can apply directly through mu.admissiondesk.org. Please email and inform us if you are applying in the international student category. Students that fall under this category include - Foreign students (FR/FS), Persons of Indian origin (PIO), Overseas Citizens of India (OCI), SAARC students having a passport other than an Indian Passport, Non-Resident Indians (NRI). Students who have done their undergraduate degrees abroad also fall into this category. If you are unsure, please contact us. **NOTE:** You should not apply to the college or fill the college application form. The number of these students, who are sent to the College directly by the University, are over and above the sanctioned seats.

Selection criteria:

- Applications will be sorted on the basis of the criteria listed in the table below.

Criteria	Weightage	Requisite
BA/BSc/BCom grades	30%	BA/BSc/BCom Certificates of Semester VI or V
Statement Of Purpose (SOP)	20%	A document of about 500 words.
Curriculum Vitae (CV)	20%	List out your qualifications, marks, extracurricular, cocurricular, internship, work experience, awards.
Academic Interview	30%	Be able to articulate your subject specific knowledge and your motivation to do this course.

- The date and time of the interview along with the video call link, will be intimated to the candidates through their email ID provided in the online form. Make sure you have provided a valid email ID. Failure to provide valid email ID will invalidate your call intimation.

Merit list:

- The category-wise merit list and the dates of admission for all those who qualify for admission as per the criteria mentioned above, will be announced through the college website. Candidates are advised to check the same.
- The merit lists are time-bound as will be mentioned in the admission notification on the college website.
- If a candidate in the first merit list fails to complete the admission process within the stipulated date and time as mentioned in the notification, their candidature stands lapsed. The candidates in the second and subsequent merit lists will subsequently be offered admission.
- Candidates who accept the offer of admission shall pay the necessary fees (as displayed on the college website or college notice board).
- Maximum fee payable for the course: Rs. 95000 for incoming Part I students. These fees are subject to revision depending on newer requirements.
- Classes are likely to begin on the 24th of June 2024.
