



**St. Xavier's College, Mumbai
(Empowered Autonomous Institute)**

**MA (Public Policy)
Admissions for Academic Year 2025-26**

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Mumbai, invites applications for admission to its **Master's Degree in Public Policy (MPP)** for the academic year 2025-2026.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME:

Significance of studying Public Policy:

Public policy, a core element of governance, shapes every aspect of life. It is therefore imperative for academia to not only understand and critically examine policy, to but also help reimagine and redesign it – advancing governance that is more effective, equitable and just. India's challenges are complex, urgent and global in scope as they range from climate change to digital governance, from gender and educational inequities to urban development.

A Master's in Public Policy should prepare students to address complex public challenges through strong analytical, research and leadership skills that open doors to diverse careers. Post-Graduates in Public Policy should be capable of working across government, international organizations, research institutes, development agencies and advocacy groups. They should be capable of shouldering roles in sectors like health, education, urban planning, sustainability, digital governance, CSR and public affairs.

Xavier's role in post-graduating students in Public Policy:

As postgraduate programmes in public policy remain limited in India, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai – an empowered autonomous institution affiliated with the University of Mumbai – launched its Master's Degree in Public Policy (MPP) in 2013. The Programme is run by St. Xavier's College (Empowered Autonomous) and the degree is awarded by the University of Mumbai. This rigorous, **two-year programme is firmly interdisciplinary**, spanning sociology, politics, economics, law, history, philosophy, ethics and the natural sciences. Core disciplines are complemented by specialised courses in media, education, environmental, health, gender, rural and urban policy. Recognising the growing influence of technology in governance, the programme also includes a dedicated course on Technology in policymaking. Thus, our MPP programme is designed to equip future leaders with the analytical skills, policy

knowledge and real-world exposure needed to navigate and influence multifaceted governance challenges with clarity and purpose.

The MPP programme at St. Xavier's College is global in outlook. Alongside a dedicated course in *Comparative Global Public Policy*, each subject is designed to examine Indian policies in dialogue with international counterparts – enabling students to develop a critical, comparative perspective. Evaluation methods go beyond traditional exams, incorporating immersive, hands-on learning: students engage directly with policymakers, design mock policies and collect real-world feedback from communities and field experts. With a strong emphasis on quantitative and qualitative analysis, our MPP programme equips students with the skills to design, evaluate and advocate for effective policies in an increasingly data-driven world.

Xavier's Department of Public Policy provides a dynamic and experiential learning environment through guest lectures by policy experts, field visits, exposure tours and interactive platforms like its annual Policy Conclave, *NITI Samvaad*. This participatory approach enables students to engage deeply with real-world policy issues and develop a practical understanding of the field. A key strength of the programme is the opportunity for students to undertake internships with a wide range of prestigious institutions, allowing them to apply their academic learning in professional contexts while building valuable networks within the policy ecosystem.

Our students have interned with leading policy and research bodies such as PRS Legislative Research, EPW Research Foundation, ORF, Gateway House, the Centre for Policy Research and Governance and the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA). They have also gained experience at government and regulatory institutions including NABARD, Coal India Ltd., the Competition Commission of India, the Quality Council of India, the State Election Commission Kerala, the Kozhikode District Collectorate and the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority.

Additionally, **our students have worked with international and development organizations** like WHO, Project Concern International (PCI), WWF India, Kudumbashree, FICCI and Dasra. Internships with legal and civil society organisations such as Majlis Law, CRY, Praja Foundation, Pratham Education and Janaagraha (Centre for Citizenship and Democracy) further enrich the learning journey. These experiences help students bridge the gap between theory and praxis and prepare them for impactful careers in the field of public policy.

Finally, **our alumni have pursued advanced studies at top global institutions** such as London School of Economics (LSE), UC Berkeley and the University of Cambridge. Whether shaping policy from within government or driving change through civil society, media or consulting, MPP graduates are equipped to lead across a wide range of professional fields.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE:

Course Timings: 4:30–8:30 PM from Monday to Saturday.

Syllabi:

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 below.

Semesters	Course Titles	Credits
I	Public Policy Analysis	4
	Economy, Society & Public Policy	4
	Law & Public Policy	4
	Introduction to Research Methodology	4
	Urban Planning Policy or Rural Policy (Elective)	4
	On-Job Training (Internship)	2
II	Politics of Redistribution	4
	Quantitative Methods & Data Analytics	4
	Gender & Public Policy	4
	Environment & Public Policy or Health Policy (Elective)	4
	Field Project (Internship)	6
III	Economic Institutions & Public Policy	4
	Project Planning & Evaluation	4
	Ethics & Public Policy	4
	Foreign Policy or Globalisation & Labour Policy (Elective)	4
	Dissertation: Proposal & Preliminary Work	6
IV	Development & Public Policy	4
	Comparative Public Policy	4
	Technology & Public Policy	4
	Education Policy or Media & Public Policy (Elective)	4
	Final Dissertation Presentation and defence	6

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.

Total Seats: 60 seats available.

The admission is competitive and based on an evaluation of each applicant's academic background, motivation and alignment with the programme's values.

Seat Allocation Policy

St. Xavier's College is a Christian Minority Institution governed by the provisions of the Indian Constitution. As per the Honourable Bombay High Court's judgment dated 12th October 2017 (Writ Petition No. 1726 of 2001), minority colleges are not required to reserve seats for Backward Classes. This has been reaffirmed by the University of Mumbai through Circular

No. Aff./Recog.I/Admission (2018-19)/10/2018 dated 30th May 2018. Accordingly, the seat allocation at St. Xavier's College is as follows:

F.Y. MPP (60 seats)		
Category	No. of Seats	Criteria
TOTAL SEATS 100% (60)		
Management Quota (15% of 60 seats)	9	Case A
BALANCE SEATS 85% (51)		
Christian Minority (50% of 85% of 60 seats)	25	Case B
General Category (42% of 85% of 60 seats)	21	Case B
Other Categories:		
1. Persons with Disability: (5% of 85% of 60 seats)	3	Case B
2. Special**: (3% of 85% of 60 seats)	2	Case B
Key:		
Case A: Only for those the College management decides to admit.		
Case B: Admission on the basis of Merit Rank secured at the Entrance Procedure.		

Special Category includes wards of:

- a) Transferred State/Central Government and Private Sector employees
- b) Defense Personnel and Ex-Servicemen
- c) Freedom Fighters
- d) Students who have met with an accident
- e) Award winners at the State or Central/National level in Sports or Cultural activities

International Students

- a) Seats for international students are supernumerary (over and above the sanctioned intake). Applications for these seats must be submitted through the University of Mumbai website (www.mu.ac.in) or via mu.admissiondesk.org. If you are applying under this category, please inform the College General Office, and connect with the admin staff in-charge of MPP programme.
- b) Students eligible for international seats include:
 - i. Foreign Nationals (FR/FS)
 - ii. Persons of Indian Origin (PIO)
 - iii. Overseas Citizens of India (OCI)
 - iv. SAARC nationals (holding a non-Indian passport)
 - v. Non-Resident Indians (NRI)
 - vi. Students who have completed their undergraduate degree abroad

- c) **Note:** If you are uncertain about your category, please contact us for clarification. Do not apply directly to the College or fill out the College application form. International admissions are handled directly by the University and are beyond the sanctioned seat count.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- a) Applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree (from a UGC recognised university) in any discipline **with a minimum total of 50% marks.**
- b) Applicants who given the graduation examination in 2024-25 and are awaiting their results, can apply. However, their admission will be provisional, till they hand over their original successful graduation marksheet.
- c) Applications are welcome from both recent graduates and early-career professionals.

FEE STRUCTURE

- a) MPP Part 2 (Second year) students: **Rs. 95,000 per year.**
- b) MPP Part 1 (First year) students: **Rs. 95,000 per year.**
- c) **EWS Concession:** If you belong to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS), apply for a fee concession with the necessary documents to the Rector at rectors.office@xaviers.edu.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Weightage	Requisite
BA/BSc/BCom Grades	50%	Certificates of Semester VI or V
Statement of Purpose (SOP)	10%	A document of approximately 500 words
Curriculum Vitae (CV)	10%	List of qualifications, marks, extracurricular/co-curricular activities, internships, work experience and awards.
Academic Interview	30%	Candidates must articulate their subject-specific knowledge and motivation for pursuing this course.

MERIT LIST, ADMISSION PROCESS and FEE STRUCTURE & COURSE COMMENCEMENT

- a) **The interviews will be held between Thursday, 29 May 2025 and Monday, 2 June 2025.** The interview schedule will be displayed on the college website.
- b) The **category-wise merit list** and admission dates for selected candidates will be published on the **college website**. Candidates are advised to check the website regularly.
- c) Merit lists are strictly **time-bound** as per the admission notification on the website.
- d) The **First Merit List will be displayed online on Wednesday, 4 June 2025.** If a shortlisted candidate fails to complete the admission process within the specified date and time, their candidature will be considered **lapsed**. Admission offers will then be extended to candidates on the **Second Merit List, which will be displayed online on Tuesday, 10 June 2025.** Subsequent merit lists will be published if required.

- e) Candidates who accept admission must pay the prescribed fees (details available on the college website and notice board).
- f) Students who finalise their admission to the MPP programme 2025-26 must relocate to Mumbai by **Friday, 13 June 2025** and attend the orientation on **Saturday, 14 June 2025**.
- g) Classes for **incoming-First Year students will commence on Monday, 16 June 2025**, after **the orientation on Saturday, 14 June 2025**.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- a) **Online Application:** Apply by logging on to www.xaviers.ac. The portal is open from **5 May 2025 to 27 May 2025**. Application fee of Rs. 1500/- is payable online. A confirmation email will be sent after payment.
- b) **Instructions:** Find the **MPP Application Form under the Admission Section** on the homepage of the website. Follow the instructions on the form carefully.
- c) **Required Documents:** If applying for a minority, special category or SWD seat, upload the relevant proof (e.g., Baptism certificate for Christian minority).
- d) **Marks Entry:** Enter all subjects and marks. Best of 4 or 5 subjects will not be accepted. Incorrect marks will lead to disqualification.
- e) **Semester Marks:** For Public Policy applicants, **final semester (VI) marks are preferred. Please enter your Semester VI marks.** However, **Semester V marks may be submitted if final results are pending.** Only actual marks will be accepted – not GPA.
- f) **Additional Documents:** Upload Statement of Purpose (SOP) and CV. Shortlisted candidates will be called for an online interview and the SOP and CV will be reviewed.
- g) **Important Notes:**
 - a. The application is entirely online; no in-person forms are accepted.
 - b. No corrections will be processed after submission. Reapply with correct details, if needed.
 - c. **The application deadline is 27 May 2025.** Applications received beyond the deadline will not be considered.
 - d. Application fees are non-refundable.
