

**Public Policy and Management MSc oral admission exam requirements 2024A central admission procedure**

Name(s) of graduate program(s)	Public Policy and Management MSc
Type of the exam	<b>Oral</b>
Name of the exam	Assessment of Motivation and Professional Background
Duration of the exam	20 minutes
Method of the exam	online
Short description of the exam	<p>1.Introduction (4')</p> <p>a. Please, summarize briefly your academic and professional progress so far. [if applicant is currently working] Why did you choose your current job?</p> <p>b. What are you proud of from your academic and professional career?</p> <p>c. [if applicant is currently working] Is your current job related to your previous studies? [if the job is related] Give an example of a work project where you applied the acquired skills in practice. What would you do differently in the future?</p> <p>2.Assessment of motivation (8')</p> <p>a. Why did you decide to continue your studies at the master's level at this point in your career?</p> <p>b. Why would you like to study at Corvinus University of Budapest?</p> <p>c. What would you like to achieve by completing this program? How did you choose this program?</p> <p>d. What are your professional plans and prospects after completing our program?</p> <p>e. In your opinion, what are your main strengths and weaknesses? f. Do you have any questions to us?</p> <p>3.Assessment of academic competence (based on readings, 8')</p> <p>a. Explain one of the main social / economic issues with which the study is concerned.</p> <p>b. Is that policy problem relevant in your country? [if the issue is relevant to applicant] Please elaborate it.</p> <p>d. What sort of policy solutions are proposed in the study? Do you agree with them?</p> <p>e. [if the issue is not relevant to applicant] Explain a related, major social / economic policy problem of your country. What type of policies can be used to solve the problem?</p> <p>Throughout the interview we assess whether the applicant ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• possesses the attitudes necessary to study and practice the program's area of knowledge: problem-oriented, analytical, open to different views, communicative;</li> <li>• has a general overview of the area;</li> <li>• presents their views convincingly, utilizing proper academic English;</li> <li>• gives thoughtful, competent answers to the interview questions;</li> <li>• is able to reason coherently, considering arguments for and against a position.</li> </ul>
Materials that can be used during the exam	-

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Recommended reading materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CORE Team (2019): Economy, Society, and Public Policy (available at: <a href="https://www.core-econ.org/espp/book/text/0-3-contents.html">https://www.core-econ.org/espp/book/text/0-3-contents.html</a>)</li> <li>2. Overview: Learning to realize education's promise. World Development Report 2018: Learning to Realize Education's Promise. (available at: <a href="https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/wdr2018">https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/wdr2018</a> )</li> <li>3. The changing nature of work. World Development Report 2019: The Changing Nature of Work. Chapter 1. (available at: <a href="https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/wdr2019">https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/wdr2019</a>)</li> <li>4. Strengthening social protection (World Development Report 2019: The Changing Nature of Work. Chapter 6. available at: <a href="https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/wdr2019">https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/wdr2019</a>)</li> <li>5. Finance for an Equitable Recovery (World Development Report 2022: Finance for an Equitable Recovery Chapter 1. available at: <a href="https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/wdr2022">https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/wdr2022</a>)</li> </ol>
Topics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public policy and economic development</li> <li>2. Education policy challenges</li> <li>3. Labour market policies and changing nature of work</li> <li>4. Social protection and development perspectives</li> <li>5. Government response to economic risks stemming from the pandemic</li> </ol>
Sample questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Explain the main social / economic issues and the related public policy dilemmas with which the study is concerned.</li> <li>b. What is the relevance of that policy issue in your country? Explain briefly the policy context and the main policy challenges.</li> <li>c. What sort of policy solutions are proposed in the study? What are the major pros and cons of the proposed solutions?</li> </ol>