



**BML MUNJAL
UNIVERSITY™**
A HERO GROUP INITIATIVE

**School of
Liberal Studies**

MA PUBLIC POLICY

Policy Thinking in Practice



Why Public Policy Demands Professional Training Today

We live in a period of structural strain. Climate volatility, democratic pressure, technological disruption, widening inequality, and institutional distrust define our policy landscape.

Public policy now operates within regulatory complexity, contested public reasoning, and data-driven governance. Technical efficiency alone no longer secures legitimacy.

The MA in Public Policy at BML Munjal University responds to this moment by integrating analytical rigour, institutional immersion, democratic reasoning, and ethical judgement.



The MA in Public Policy at BMU is a practice-integrated programme engaging contemporary policy challenges through:

Theoretical grounding

Rigorous analytical training

Advanced policy design skills

Institutional exposure

Democratic and professional ethics

It is designed for those seeking serious engagement with policy design, analysis, and evaluation in India and beyond.

Programme Structure

Across two years and four semesters, the curriculum develops analytical foundations and culminates in applied policy work.

Common Core

Geo-politics, political economy, public finance, social policy, governance and regulation, research methods, statistics, and impact evaluation.

Electives and Research Practice

Specialisation courses, the Policy Practice Exercise, Capstone project, and Dissertation.

Students graduate having analysed real policy problems and produced independent research and policy-facing work.

Specialisation Pathways

 Rural Development

 Cities and Urban Governance

 Climate Change & Environmental Policy

 Public health, Biopolitics, and well-being

Each pathway combines conceptual study, case analysis, and supervised research engagement.

 AI, Technology, and Society

 Media, Culture, and Policy

 Education, Youth, and Childhood

Faculty Leadership and Institutional Anchoring

The programme is guided by:



Pratap Bhanu Mehta

Distinguished Visiting Professor,
School of Liberal Studies



Chiranjib Sen

Distinguished Professor,
School of Liberal Studies



Tanweer Fazal

Professor,
School of Liberal Studies



Dr. Vaishali Kohli

Assistant Professor,
School of Liberal Studies



Anup Dhar

Professor,
School of Liberal Studies



Anandini Dar

Associate Professor,
School of Liberal Studies



Arindam Banerjee

Dean and Professor,
School of Liberal Studies



Dr. Pranav Trigunayat

Assistant Professor,
School of Liberal Studies

It draws upon interdisciplinary collaboration across Law, Management, and Engineering, enabling engagement with regulation, markets, and technology.

Curriculum Architecture

The programme is organised around three integrated pillars:



1 Analytical Core

Economics, political economy, law, governance, regulatory analysis, public finance, social theory, inequality, and the study of power and institutions.



2 Policy Design and Evaluation

Policy instruments, monitoring and evaluation, regulatory analysis, case-based learning, and structured policy writing.



3 Research and Immersion

Credited field engagement leading into Capstone and Dissertation.

Students analyse public problems, design alternatives, and assess institutional feasibility.

Centres and Institutional Platforms

Centre for Public Policy and Governance (CPPG)

The programme is anchored by the Centre for Public Policy and Governance, which hosts policy dialogues, practitioner lectures, and research initiatives.

Centre for Child and Youth Transitions (CCYT)

The **Education, Youth and Childhood** pathway is supported by the Centre for Childhood and Youth Transitions, addressing gaps in teaching, research, and policy engagement concerning childhood and youth.

The Wider BMU Ecosystem

Students also benefit from:

- Atal Community Innovation Centre
- BMU Incubation and Start-up Platform
- BMU Studio
- Institute for Dialogue of Educators Action and Research (i-DEAR)
- Cross-school collaborations

These platforms extend policy engagement across state, market, and civil society contexts.



Policy Practice Exercise

The Policy Practice Exercise (PPE) is a credited institutional immersion of minimum 120 hours.

Students engage with ministries, regulatory bodies, development agencies, rural institutions, civic bodies, and research centres aligned with their interests.

The PPE includes:



Institutional observation



Structured documentation



Faculty-guided analytical reflection

It ensures theory is tested within institutional realities.

Capstone and Dissertation

Together, the Capstone and Dissertation form the research and practice spine of the programme.

The Capstone is practice-oriented and requires engagement with a live policy problem. The Dissertation may be research-based or practice-driven, depending on academic direction.

Students:	Identify emerging policy questions	Conduct empirical or field research
	Develop analytical frameworks	Produce policy-facing outputs

Outputs include policy briefs, analytical papers, research reports, and implementation frameworks.

Outcomes include institutional literacy, analytical independence, evaluative competence, and ethical judgement.

Career Pathways

The programme prepares students for:

- Policy research and advisory roles
- Governance and regulatory analysis
- Development and social impact organisations
- Corporate public policy functions
- Doctoral study



Preparation includes mentored internships, research portfolio development, structured policy writing, and academic supervision.

Policy Opportunity Ecosystem

A dedicated policy-specific opportunity cell anchors professional development.

Led by a Partnerships Lead - a senior policy practitioner with an established network across government, think tanks, and leading organisations - the cell builds institutional linkages, sources live projects, and facilitates early-career pathways.



Support Includes

- Faculty and practitioner mentorships
- Alumni and institutional networks
- Structured profile development
- Access to on- and off-campus opportunities



Promoting Excellence with Scholarships

Programme Fee

Rs. 6,00,000 for the full two-year programme (Accommodation charges additional)

Scholarships will be available for eligible candidates based on merit and institutional criteria.



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Public policy is exercised within institutions, under constraint, and in full view of consequence. It requires judgement as much as analysis, responsibility as much as expertise.

Anchored in the School of Liberal Studies, the MA in Public Policy programme prepares students to engage with public decisions with rigour, institutional understanding, and ethical seriousness.

Applications open for August 2026 intake.

