



Master in Public Policy & Development

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AIMS AND SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM

Why are some countries so poor while others are so many times more affluent? Development economics is trying to provide an answer to this difficult question. The quest for this answer takes place either (i) at the level of states and countries, looking at international issues as well as into the political economy of government failure in poor countries, or (ii) at the level of individuals and firms, with a view to understand how these microeconomic agents are able to cope in such difficult environments. The Public Policy and Development (PP&D) Master's program aims at equipping its students with the tools required to become part of that quest at the cutting edge.

Modern development economics uses all the tools provided by mainstream economics, including economic theory and econometrics, to shed light on the problems facing developing countries. However, this discipline has a definite applied bent, making relevance the ultimate criterion for successful research. Ever since the end of World War II, the international community has been involved in trying to help developing countries to escape from poverty. Several international institutions have been created like the World Bank or the UNDP for collecting and channeling massive amounts of foreign aid to the countries in need. These institutions employ large number of economists and policy advisors.

The PP&D program aims at training its students to become actors in that process, either within aid agencies or within their own country's government. Moreover, many non-state actors have emerged to take part in this development process and the PP&D program aims also to train potential actors in such activities. The ultimate objective pursued in the PP&D program is to turn knowledge into a policy tool for improving the fate of millions of people living in poor countries.

STRENGTHS OF THE PROGRAM

- The teaching is mainly performed by highly qualified development economists doing their research within the TSE Development Economics research group. Most of them have an extensive field experience on all continents, with special familiarity with Africa and Asia as well as Latin America.
- Most of the academics involved in this program have some consulting experience with national or international agencies like the French AFD (Agence française de développement) or the World Bank. These close relations with the development community ensure a continuing focus on the current top policy issues regarding developing countries.
- The faculty involved in the teaching has acquired an international reputation in various cutting edge research topics on the outer fringe of the economics domain, like the political economy of civil wars or transnational terrorism, in connection with various foreign aid agencies.

Within the TSE environment, the teaching delivered in the PP&D program remains in close connection with the most up to date developments of economic theory and quantitative techniques



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CURRICULUM

Each student must choose 4 courses (30 hours each) in each semester.

Semester 1	Semester 2
Political Economy and Development	Foreign Aid, Organization and Effectiveness
Empirical methods in development	International Trade and Development
Microeconomics of Development	The Econometrics of Program Evaluation
Governance, Industrial Organization and Development	Micro-Finance, Land and Labor
Economic Effects of Political Institutions	Economic analysis of infrastructure industry
	Topics in Applied Economics and Development
Professional Development** Algebra Refresher*** Probability Refresher*** Dynamic Optimization Refresher*** Datanomics : regulation of data spreading and data protection***	North-South Economic Relations
	Development Microeconomics
	Historical perspective on development

** Students who have already taken the course in 2017-2018 are exempted ***non -compulsory

Students must complete 8 courses of 30 hours, do an internship and write a report under the supervision of a TSE faculty or write a Master thesis.

ADMISSION

- Selection is based on academic excellence.
- Applicants graduated in France must have passed an M1 (1st year Master's) in Economics or in Applied Mathematics or an equivalent degree (e.g., engineering school,...).
- For foreign students, the required degrees are a BSc, an M.A. or an M Sc, within a recognized curriculum considered consistent with the program and approved by the TSE Committee. A working level of English is obviously required, as all the courses are delivered in this language.
- Pre-requisite: Students are expected to have acquired a good level in standard microeconomics, macroeconomics, and quantitative methods. Some brushing up in economics and maths might be advisable in some cases.

APPLICATION

Applications are considered in November (Eiffel Scholarships applicants) and in February for international students and in May for French Universities' graduates.

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