

Key Program's Activities

Courses by PIDE & World Bank

Workshops

Youth Engagement Activities

Book Review Competitions

Firsthand Experience with Ministries & Governmental Organizations

Forums for Critical Debates & Discussions

Networking through PSDE, RASTA & Regional Conferences



Being a student of Development Economics, the scope of applying the concepts to Public Policy fascinated me to grasp the concepts of the subjects and the intricacies of its applications. This enabled me to chalk out the right strategy and today I work at the State Bank of Pakistan, chalking out policies for the betterment of the financial industry.

Ana Khattak
Assistant Director, State Bank of Pakistan



PIDE is different in a sense that it encourages debate. In parallel, what I learned as a student back then, is that the conversation ought not to be around "should", rather it must be around "how". This approach challenged our minds to think out of the box. PIDE is a jackpot of opportunities. It lets you grow and make your profile.

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PSSS is pioneering knowledge on Pakistan's public policy, management practice and development practice and praxis. The program offers degrees in MS Management Sciences, MPhil Public Policy and MPhil Development Studies.



PSSS alumni have secured key posts in governmental and non-governmental organizations.



PSSS alumni serving in international universities such as the University of New South Wales and national universities such as PIDE, Information Technology University, LUMS, Habib University and University of Management and Technology.



PSSS alumni serving NEPRA, PEMRA, BISP, Ministry of Planning, Reforms and Special Initiatives, Regional Planning and Development Departments, and Punjab Civil Secretariat.



PSSS students are also working in the development sector such as the Islamic Relief Fund, the World Bank, and CARE Foundation, among others.

PSSS Faculty



Dr. Hafsa Hina
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MPhil Public Policy

Program Objectives

- ✓ To impart quality education by integrating theoretical knowledge & practical skills in public policymaking & implementation.
- ✓ To develop experts capable of thriving in dynamic policy environments.
- ✓ To cultivate critical thinking and analytical abilities towards developing creative policy solutions.
- ✓ To build a collaborative ecosystem conducive to student learning, dialogue and engagement.

Core Courses

- ✓ Microeconomics for Public Policy
- ✓ Governance and Public Policy
- ✓ Public Policy Analysis
- ✓ Macroeconomics for Public Policy
- ✓ Evaluation and Monitoring of Policy Initiatives
- ✓ Essential Skills for Research and Policy Writing

Optional courses from the specialized fields of

- ✓ Public Finance and Development
- ✓ Social Sector and Urban Development
- ✓ Governance and Public Sector

Program Learning Outcomes

- ✓ The graduates acquire a comprehensive understanding of public policy frameworks, processes, implementation strategies & evaluation techniques.
- ✓ The graduates professionally engage with the stakeholders involved in policy-making processes.
- ✓ The graduates articulate the commonalities between theory & policy.
- ✓ The program enables graduates to apply critical thinking & problem-solving skills to devise innovative and effective policy solutions.
- ✓ Through unorthodox learning, graduates engage with stakeholders entitling institutional positions who play critical roles in policymaking.

MPhil Development Studies

Program Objectives

- ✓ To impart knowledge about classical and critical development theory & practice.
- ✓ To develop critical thinking of Development action & prescribe socio-economically relevant policy solutions.
- ✓ To train graduates to evaluate & address economic, social, environmental and political issues that impact daily life.
- ✓ To direct analytical & methodological focus in identifying local issues & devising local, indigenous & culturally relativistic policy actions.
- ✓ To steer academic conversations, debates & community engagement towards producing high-quality theses.
- ✓ To prepare graduates who can excel in research (both academic and market), government & non-governmental, as well as international Development sector.

Core Courses

- ✓ Development: History, theory and Policy
- ✓ Essential Skills for Research and Policy Writing
- ✓ Development Economics
- ✓ Economic Theory and Practice
- ✓ Anthropology and Development

Program Learning Outcomes

- ✓ The graduates are equipped with contemporary debates in Development Studies to take theoretical, pragmatic, epistemological & ontological positions regarding Development practice.
- ✓ The graduates are imparted pragmatic knowledge about development policy & key actors in its framing, policy formulation & implementation.
- ✓ To enable students to critically reflect on the existing policies & devise frameworks & models for Indigenous policy solutions.
- ✓ Graduates are equipped with the knowledge of conducting research, in both qualitative and quantitative research strategies & produce high-quality MPhil dissertations.
- ✓ The graduates articulate opinions on national and international forums, on gender, climate change, institutions, inequality, elite capture, growth & poverty.

Optional courses from the specialized fields of

- ✓ Socio-cultural Dimensions of Development
- ✓ Power, Governance and Development
- ✓ Political Economy of Development
- ✓ Poverty and Inequality



Eligibility Criteria

The programme is intended for students having master's and/or four-year BA/BSc degrees with a 2.5 CGPA out of 4.00 or equivalent in any field.

Academic Details



Total credit hours
36



Course work
24



Thesis
12



Duration
2 Years