

# **Master's Program of Public Administration for African Women's Leadership (MPA) (2024)**

## **Beijing Normal University**

### **Program Overview**

Beijing Normal University stands as a pioneer in China for its establishment of a master's degree program in public administration (MPA). In 2021, the MPA program offered by the School of Government Management at Beijing Normal University received accreditation from the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) with an impressive seven-year exemption period. The primary objective of Beijing Normal University's MPA program is to nurture top-tier managers within public sectors including governments, Non-profit organizations and so on. These individuals are equipped with a comprehensive understanding of public management principles, skillsets, a commitment to public service, a global perspective, and the capacity to spearhead economic and social transformation and progress. The program continually drives innovation in its educational models, establishing a unique institutional identity characterized by robust disciplinary support, abundant teaching resources, profound training outcomes, and a wide array of activity services. It has thus become a vital hub for MPA talent development in China.

To foster the development of a China-Africa community with a shared future in this new era and effectively execute the "nine programs" outlined in the Dakar Action Plan (2022-2024), in a significant collaborative effort, the School of Government and the Phoenix School at Beijing Normal University jointly launched the Master of Public Administration (Women's Leadership) Program tailored for African women. This initiative aims to cultivate highly competent female leaders in public management for various African nations. It further seeks to empower African women, elevating their role in leadership and fostering a sense of unity between China and Africa in this new era, channeling the innovative energy of women, and contributing to the global

pursuit of gender equality and women's advancement, especially in Africa.

Leveraging the rich cultural legacy of Beijing Normal University, this program boasts a distinguished international teaching faculty, a curriculum that is both systematic and innovative, and a wide range of field research opportunities. These elements collectively equip students with a profound grasp of the fundamentals of female leadership, a deep understanding of China's history, culture, social structures, policies, regulatory frameworks, and economic development experiences. Furthermore, students are prepared to seize new opportunities emerging from initiatives such as the Belt and Road Initiative and the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Importantly, the program facilitates the establishment of a robust network for collaboration and exchange among young women in both China and Africa.

**Professional degree to be awarded:** Master of Public Administration (MPA)

**Program duration:** 2 years

**Teaching language:** English

**Core courses:** Public Administration; Public Policy Analysis; Culture, Leadership, and Organization; Seminar in African Affairs; International Organization and Global Governance; Strategy and Management of Public and Non-profit Organizations; Leading the Social Innovation in China, etc. (subject to adjustments).

**Degree conferment:** After completing the coursework, obtaining the required credits, achieving qualifying scores, completing the dissertation, and successfully passing the thesis defense, the Master of Public Administration degree will be conferred following a review by the degree evaluation committee. The graduation certificate and the Master's degree will be awarded simultaneously.

**Tuition:** RMB 60,000 (for 2 years).

**Scholarship:** School of Government and Phoenix School will provide competitive scholarships based on students' admission results and comprehensive quality.

**Application requirements:**

- 1.Non-Chinese female citizens under the age of 50 (Date of Birth is after August 31, 1974).
- 2.Those with a bachelor's degree or above, and relevant work experience will be given priorities.
3. As the courses will be offered in English, TOEFL score of 90 or IELTS score of 6.0 is required.

## **Application Procedure**

- 1.Online application. Log on to Beijing Normal University Online Application System For International Students at <https://international.bnu.edu.cn/>, register and complete the application, upload the electronic version of the application documents according to the requirements in Part V, and pay the application fee.
- 2.Print the application form. Download and print the Application Form for International Students in the Online Application System of Beijing Normal University, which is automatically generated by the system after completing the online application.
- 3.Mailing documents. Mail the paper version of the application documents to the Admissions Office of Beijing Normal University (International Students).

Mailing Address:

Admission Office (International Students), Beijing Normal University  
A103, Main Building, No. 19 Xijiekouwai Street, Haidian District  
Beijing, China 100875  
Tel: 0086-10-5880-2944

## **Application materials:**

- 1.Application Form for International Students with a photograph. Being generated automatically after completing the online application for BNU, this form will be available for download and print.
- 2.Original notarized (authenticated) copy of the highest education or degree certificate. The documents must be in either Chinese or English (Chinese or English notarized translations are required for other languages).

3.Original transcripts or original notarized (authenticated) copies of the transcripts. The documents must be in either Chinese or English (Chinese or English notarized translations are required for other languages).

4.Two recommendation letters from two associate professors or scholars with higher academic titles, or a senior expert in a related field. (There is no specified format for the recommendation letters, please specify the name of the referee and contact information, all letters must be signed by the referee).

5. Language Achievement Certificate:

Please provide English proficiency certificate required in the major catalog. If you provide results of English proficiency examinations such as IELTS or TOEFL, the test date on the result report should be after November 1, 2021 (inclusive).

6.Personal Statement Form. Please download it from BNU's online application system and complete it.

7.A photocopy of the Passport page of personal information. If you have a visa to China, please provide a copy of the recent visa page, passport valid date must be later than March 31, 2025 (inclusive). Applicants who are currently in China should provide a copy of the valid Foreigner's Residence Permit of the People's Republic of China.

Applicants who have naturalized as foreign nationality after being former Chinese citizens should provide the documents certifying the cancellation of their original Chinese household registration and renunciation of Chinese nationality. Applicants who acquired foreign nationality at birth, if both parents or one of them is a Chinese citizen and the applicant had Chinese household registration and Chinese nationality, must submit the applicant's proof of cancellation of his/her Chinese household registration and renunciation of Chinese nationality.

8. A valid Certificate of Non-Criminal Record (or Police Clearance Certificate) issued by the local public security (such as the police station), usually issued within 6 months prior to the submission date of the application.

9.CV/Resume (originals or photocopies).

10.(Optional) Academic papers, patents, or other academic achievements.

For requirements of application materials, the admission information of Beijing Normal University shall prevail:

<https://admission-is.bnu.edu.cn/english/admissionprogram/postgraduateprogram/masterdegree/admissionbrochure2/index.html>

To ensure the materials are delivered on time, it is recommended to use EMS or SF express for mailing within China and to use EMS, DHL, FedEx or UPS for mailing outside China.

### **Admission:**

The admission will adopt the application review system. The Admissions Office of the University will conduct preliminary qualification examination for the applicant; After the applicant passes that, an academic examination will be conducted and an interview will be organized (online). The school will select the best candidates according to the preliminary examination, academic review and interview results, and finally determine the candidates to be admitted.

The Admissions Office will notify the applicants of the admission results by e-mail or online system, and will not accept telephone inquiries. The Admissions Office will send the Letter of Acceptance and other admission materials to the candidates by mail. When registering, the applicants are requested to indicate the way to receive the materials, and provide the postal address and other contact details.

The admitted students must register on time in accordance with the requirements of the Letter of Acceptance and other admission materials. BNU does not allow the admitted graduate students to have the student status of two or more schools at the same time.

### **Contact Information:**

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