

# Frequently Asked Questions for EMPG

## 1. About SIPG?

South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) of North South University, is the one and only and the pioneering institute with a regional focus of policy and governance in Bangladesh and South Asia. The Institute started its journey in 2008 at North South University with an aim to cater knowledge in the broader field of policy, governance, and public administration.

## 2. Brief of Executive Masters in Policy and Governance (EMPG)

The Executive Masters in Policy and Governance (EMPG) is designed to offer high quality and international standard education and training on governance and policy analysis for the young professionals and fresh graduates from Bangladesh and abroad.

## 3. What is taught?

The EMPG Program offers following 3 areas of specialization:

1. Program Management,
2. Human Resource Development, and
3. Policy Analysis.

Core courses: Students will need to complete 6 core courses from the following list:

- a. EMPG500: Public Policy (3 credits)
- b. EMPG505: Governance: Theories and Practices (3 credits)
- c. EMPG510: Organizational Behavior (3 credits)
- d. EMB 500: Communication Skills for Managers (3 credits)
- e. EMPG515: Negotiation: Tools and Techniques (3 credits)
- f. EMPG570: Basis of Social Research and Practicum (3 credits)

Specialized Courses: 6 courses of 18 credits (4 courses from 1 area of specialization equivalent to 12 credits and 2 courses from other area(s) of specialization equivalent 6 credits)

Area of Specialization 1: Policy Analysis (4X3= 12 credits):

1. EMPG520: Policy Analysis: Tools and Techniques (3 credits)
2. EMPG525: Case Study Analysis (3 credits)
3. EMPG530: Global Policy Regimes (3 credits)
4. PPG550: Fundamentals of Economics (3 credits)

Area of Specialization 2: Human Resource Development (4X3= 12 credits):

1. EMPG535: Human Resource Planning and Staffing (3 credits)
2. EMPG540: Leadership and Development (3 credits)
3. EMPG545: Performance Management (3 credits)
4. EMPG550: Gender and Governance (3 credits)

Area of Specialization 3: Program Management (4X3= 12 credits):

1. EMB690: Strategic Management (3 credits)
2. EMPG555: Project Management: Monitoring and Evaluation (3 credits)
3. EMPG560: E-Governance and ICT (3 credits)
4. EMPG565: Civil Society and Corporate Governance (3 credits)

Prerequisite Course: ENG500: Graduate English (0 credit)

\*\* Offering of specialized course is subjected to the number of students enrolled.

4. Am I eligible?

- If you earned a Bachelor degree from any recognized Universities in Bangladesh or abroad;
- If you scored minimum second class or attained 2.75 on a 4 points scale; and
- New or Mid-level professionals and fresh graduates, want to enhance his or her competency and knowledge.

5. Why should I enroll?

- To develop analytical and practical skill
- To improve project management skills
- To enhance the conceptual and practical understanding on governance and development

6. Requirement for EMPG degree completion

To attain the EMPG degree requires completion of 2 semesters (comprising six months each) with 12 courses. Each course is equivalent to 3 credits thereby a student is required to undergo a total of 36 credits. Participants will be assigned to develop the practicum in the last semester under the supervision of a designated faculty member.

A maximum of 6 credits (2 courses) may be waived for the potential students who have completed similar courses at their previous studies from any recognized institutions. The decision will be taken by Department based on the academic contents and standards of similar courses.

## 7. Who should consider the EMPG

The Executive Masters in Policy and Governance (EMPG) is expected to meet the academic and professional requirement of new entrants and mid-level working professionals of public bureaucracy, development executives, embassy officials, managers of NGOs, private sector officials willing to widen and enrich further their professional degrees. The program would provide a flexible and interactive learning approach suitable to working professionals from diverse academic and professional backgrounds.

## 8. Potential Career Paths

You can use your EMPG degree to apply for a job in international development organizations, UN agencies, embassy, and Government and Non-government organizations. The EMPG degree will equip you with the knowledge in policy analysis, human resource management and project management.

## 9. I am a professional, Can I still take EMPG

Of course! Most of our classes are offered in the evening (6 - 9 pm) so you can still work part- or full-time and earn your degree.

## 10. Can I apply for a scholarship/financial aid?

NSU provide financial Aid/ Scholarship based on admission test with academic merit evaluation. We provide Merit Scholarships and scholarship for freedom fighter's children, and siblings.

For more details please visit the link below:

[http://admissions.northsouth.edu/student\\_fad](http://admissions.northsouth.edu/student_fad)

## 11. How to Apply?

A Candidate can get the admission form through online.

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