Give direction to change and connect people and organisations
Why a Master Public Administration

When you follow a master programme in Public Administration you will learn to identify and analyse social issues as well as develop skills regarding advice on policy-relevant solutions. You will also look at governance issues from various perspectives, taking different interests within complex environments into account and build bridges to connect and enhance these visions.

In our small-scale education there is ample room to apply theories to practical situations and to develop your professional skills. You will be inspired by enthusiastic scholars who are leaders within their discipline. Public Administration at Erasmus University was ranked #1 in the Shanghai Ranking of world universities in 2017 en 2018.

Career opportunities Public Administration
After your master degree in Public Administration, you as an expert are able to investigate complex problems at an academic level from different scientific perspectives. You also know how to reflect on this and you can develop and implement concrete solutions. This makes you very suitable to get started in board positions in which you give advice to the society or organise and implement the policy yourself. You will have to collaborate with various parties both within and outside the public domain.

After graduation, depending on your specialisation and your personal interests, you can start working for (semi-) authorities on issues in the area of policy development, change management, HRM and project management of large public projects in areas such as infrastructure. Examples of positions are policy officer, project employee or strategic advisor at municipalities, educational institutions and government advisory bodies.

You are also able to start working as a trainee or junior advisor on issues in the field of design or improvement of organisations and management processes. You can also work at private research and consultancy firms that focus on the public sector.
Master specialisations Public Administration

Governance and Management in the Public Sector
In our globalised and complex network society there is an increasing need for experts who demonstrate analytical skills and connective leadership. Modern public professionals need to have an entrepreneurial attitude and a strong ethical compass. Network managers are needed to enhance collaboration among various societal parties in order to create innovative solutions and high-quality public policies and services that current societal challenges require. This master programme trains you to become such a network manager.

Governance of Migration and Diversity – Public administration
Erasmus University Rotterdam offers two tracks within the GMD master: Public Administration and Sociology. The Public Administration specialisation enables you to address governance issues related to migration and diversity from a multidisciplinary perspective. Governance of Migration and Diversity is a collaboration between Erasmus University Rotterdam (including the Institute for Social Studies in The Hague), Leiden University and Delft University of Technology. The cooperation between these universities provides a unique combination of varied expertise within one single master programme.

Urban Governance
Cities are at the heart of cultural, social and political innovation. They are key to finding solutions for societal issues such as migration, social segregation, poverty, climate change, health, unemployment and terrorism. With this master you will learn the skills to analyse and manage complex urban governance issues and to develop innovative governance strategies. This unique programme is a collaboration between the Department of Public Administration and the Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies.

International Public Management and Public Policy
This master provides the tools for dealing with the increasingly international nature of public management and public policy-making. The programme deals with public management and policy on national, EU and international levels. International Public Management and Public Policy gives you the opportunity to interact with an international student group and academics with strong international reputations.

Research Master - Public Administration and Organisational Science
Explore core issues in public administration and organisational science. This two year master programme (jointly offered with other Dutch Universities) prepares you for a career as a researcher or research oriented functions in consultancies or the public domain.
Why a Master Sociology

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A master programme in Sociology focusses on pressing social problems and social phenomena. During a Master in Sociology at Erasmus University Rotterdam you will get insights in the latest sociological theories and associated disciplines. You will also learn how to apply social theories on the actual problems of contemporary society.

Our education is small-scale and you will be inspired by enthusiastic scholars who are leaders within their discipline.

**Career opportunities Sociology**

After your Master in Sociology, you are able to approach issues from different perspectives and, based on that, make well-considered decisions for possible solutions. These competencies are very useful for positions in policy making and advice. In addition, the programme devotes a lot of attention to the consequences of social changes for government policy.

There is a demand for policy-oriented sociologists in the government, non-profit organisations, research institutes and the business community. Depending on your specialisation and personal interests you can end up in various positions in the field of work, organisation and urban issues. You can, for example, work as a policy officer or advisor for governments, semi-public or private institutions such as the police, housing corporations, welfare institutions or project developers.

Other examples of positions are human resource managers or researchers at government institutions, advisory and research agencies or universities. In addition, as a sociologist you can opt for a career as a journalist or information officer with a focus on sociological issues.
Engaging Public Issues
Most of today’s major issues, such as climate change, racism or automated technologies, are not limited to traditional parliamentary politics, but play out in the public sphere of (online) media, social movements, expertise, activism and policy making. This master programme enables you to understand how such concerns become public issues. It provides you with the tools to navigate and broker complex issues, to develop your own engagement with them and to intervene in them.

Governance of Migration and Diversity – Sociology
Erasmus University Rotterdam offers two tracks within the GMD master: Sociology and Public Administration. The specialisation of Sociology offers a sociological analysis of the drivers of migration and the integration of immigrants in receiving countries. Governance of Migration and Diversity is a collaboration between Erasmus University Rotterdam (including the Institute for Social Studies in The Hague), Leiden University and Delft University of Technology. The cooperation between these universities provides a unique combination of varied expertise within one single master programme.

Politics and Society
The relationship between politics and society has changed dramatically. The causes and consequences of today’s pressing political issues like Brexit, populism and political distrust, can be understood by the unique focus on the interrelationship between politics and society offered in Rotterdam.

Social Inequalities
Do you want to know why social divisions in society are increasing? This programme trains you to become an expert in the field of social inequality. It brings a unique interdisciplinary perspective on the causes and consequences of social inequality, and sheds light on ways in which social policies can reduce it. The theoretical pluralism of the programme provides you with essential critical, analytical and methodological skills.

Research Master Sociology of Culture, Media and the Arts
This two-year master programme is specially designed for academically talented and driven students, who have a keen interest in research in sociology, media studies, and arts and culture studies. During the programme students combine social-scientific training and hands-on experience, develop their own research interests and prepare themselves for a PhD, or a career in research, policy, or consultancy.
Why study a Master Public Administration or Sociology in Rotterdam?

- The structure of the programmes allows students to put theory into practice
- Public Administration at Erasmus University was ranked #1 in the Shanghai Ranking of world universities in 2017 and 2018
- Intensive interaction between lecturers and students, small classes and accessible teachers
- The programmes deal with recent developments in the research field and use the most advanced research methods
- Education of high quality

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