



M.Sc. Public Policy & Human Development

Maastricht University

United Nations University



Welcome!

- Double degree: UM and UNU
- Public policy matters!
- MPP: curriculum, students, instructors
- Careers and employability

- Student perspective:  Demos Study Assoc.
- Alumni perspective

Double-Degree Master of Science

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Study at two universities —
obtain diplomas from both!

All classes take place here in Maastricht

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United Nations
University

- Think tank of the UN
- Advising UN, EU, national governments
- MERIT leading on innovation, development economics
- CRIS key regional integration institute
- EHS leading on sustainability (IPCC report)



Maastricht University

- Strong in economics, law and political science
- Reputation for education
- Governance: working with ILO, WB, Unicef, OECD, etc.
- Projects in Afghanistan, China, Egypt, Kenya, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, Spain ...

*We train you to be
policy analysts & policy makers*

1. Analyzing and understanding societal problems
2. Collecting and evaluating solutions
3. Implementing programs to address the problems

Public Policy Matters

Our societies face hard challenges:

- Build adequate, affordable health care & pensions
- Structure migration in a way that allows for integration and mutual benefit
- Shape trade and development aid to benefit all parties
- Build resilient societies capable of dealing with risk
- Stimulate innovation and development
- Enable regional integration

Policy for Human Development

- Societal challenges are inherently complex and multi-disciplinary
- Solutions are driven by goals: Human Development
- Good policy is based on evidence
- Evidence and methods can come from many disciplines across the social, natural and technical sciences

One Year Intensive Program

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan					
Fall Semester	Public Policy	Public Economics	Policy Analysis		Thesis Proposal					
	Data & Statistics	Regression Analysis		Research Design						
Spring Semester	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug			
	Specialization 1	Specialization 2	Specialization 3	Specialization 4	Thesis					

Specialization Tracks

-  Social Protection Policy
-  Migration Studies
-  Risk & Vulnerability
-  Innovation, Institutions & Development
-  Regional Integration & Multi-Level Governance
-  Foreign Policy & Development
-  ... or a free elective

Thesis Topics

“Escalation through Education: The Major Drivers of **Upward Mobility** in Indonesia”

“Determinants of **food security** and nutrition in a conflict environment”

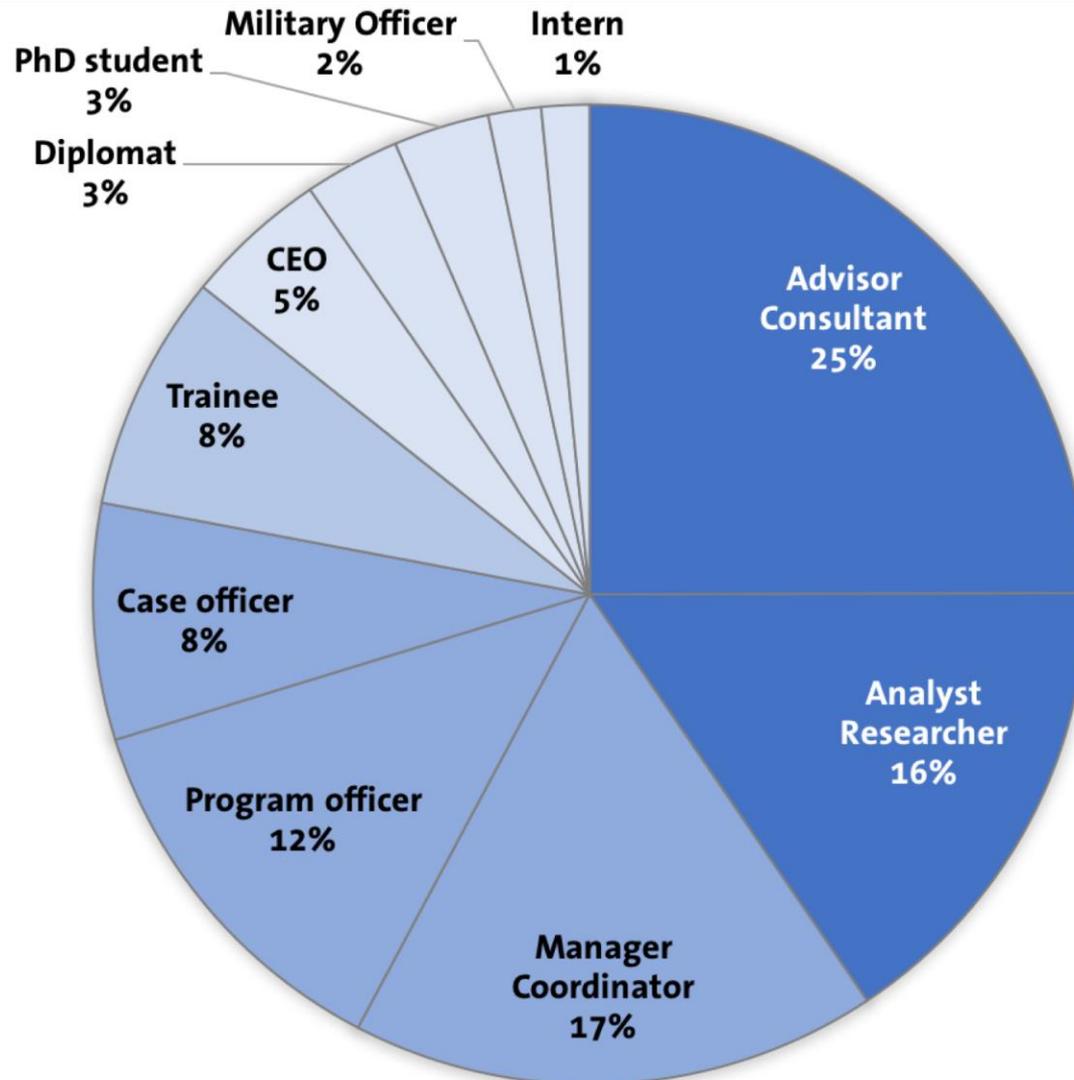
“Understanding the **livelihood impacts** of Uganda’s Senior Citizens Grant”

“Scaling Up **Access to Medicines** by Strengthening Public Sector Health Commodity Supply Chains”

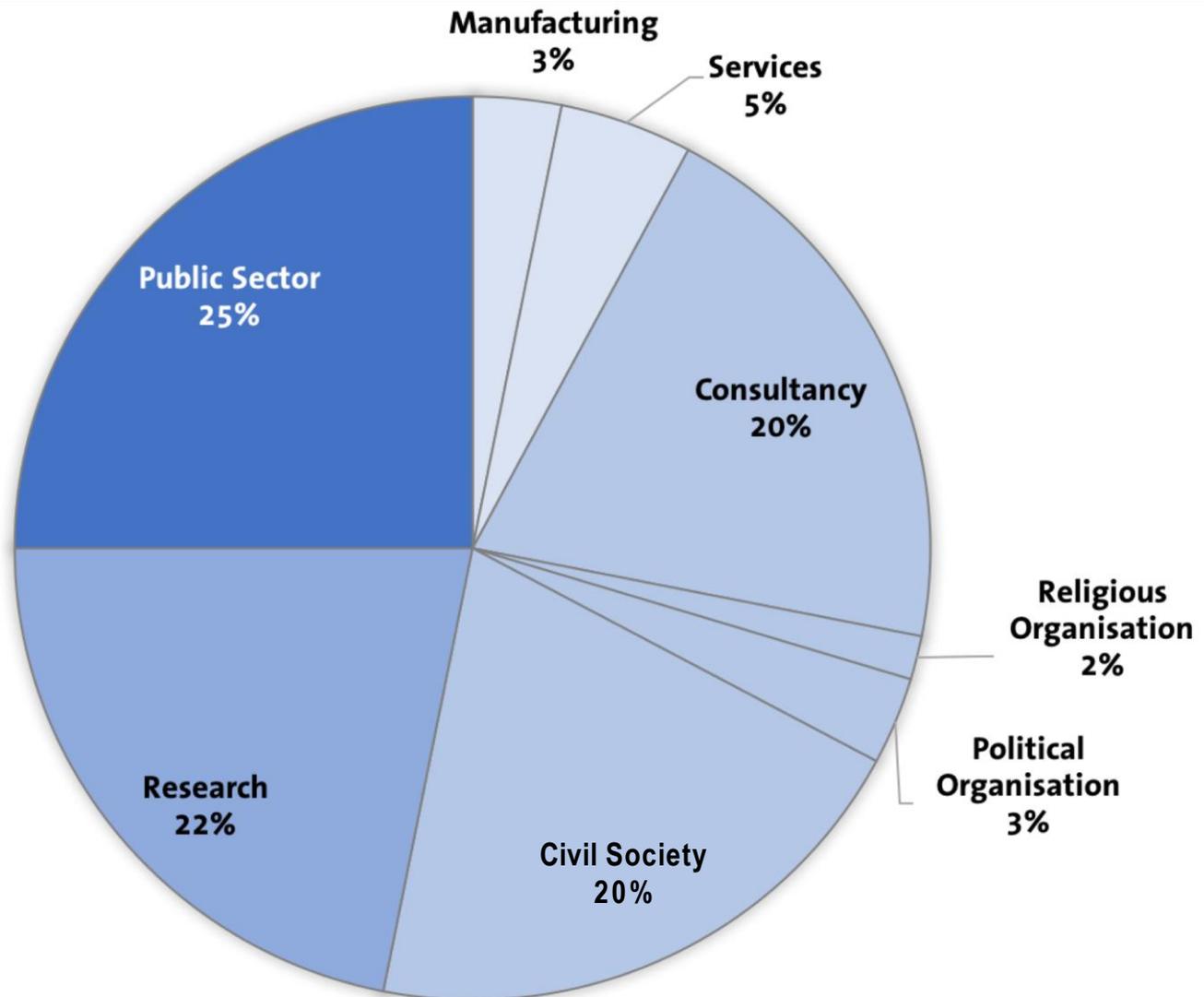
Employability Track

- Application training
- Specialized career workshops
- One-on-one career advising
- Mentorship
- Employability skills days
- Internships opportunities

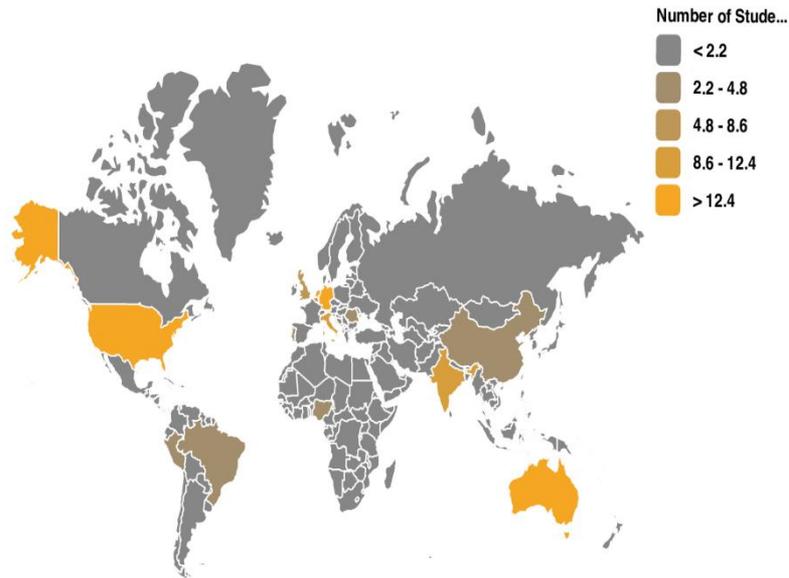
Career Perspectives Job Types



Career Perspectives Employers



Students International



**2018/19 cohort
+ 40 Nationalities**

Students Diverse

- Interdisciplinary or mono-disciplinary prior education
- Mature students and mid-career professionals are welcome
- We offer refreshers for poli-sci, econ and math/stats



Students Diverse

Academic Background



2018/19 cohort

Instructors

- Approx. 110 instructors for 120 students
- Emphasis on instructors with hands-on policy experience:
 - Current and former ILO staff
 - Founder of UNU-CRIS
 - Director of UNU-MERIT
 - IOM, UNHCR
 - Geneva Center for Security Policy



Why Public Policy?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yUfNOWN5g_Q

Thanks for Listening!

Ask any questions...



Check out our brochure and websites
www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/governance
www.merit.unu.edu



Visit our information booths in the foyer!
Be student for a day!

Application Procedure

- **Deadlines** EU/EEA: 15 July — Others: 15 June
- **Documents** essay; letters of motivation and recommendation (x2); copies of diploma,* transcript,* and passport; TOEFL/IELTS/Cambridge;† CV; passport photo
- **Rolling admission** Response 2-6 weeks after submission of complete application
- **No *numerus fixus* or *numerus clausus***

* *Certified*

† *Exemption for native speakers and students who completed a prior degree in English*