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## SOCIAL SCIENCES, ECONOMICS AND HUMANITIES CLUSTER

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- Africa Institute for Research in Economics and Social Sciences
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## Mohammed VI Polytechnic University

Mohammed VI Polytechnic University is an institution oriented towards applied research and innovation. Focused on Africa, it seeks a position at the forefront of these fields and become a university of international standing.

UM6P applies a «learning by doing» approach and develops strong partnerships with world-class universities to promote leadership and training in targeted research areas.

By contributing to the training of a new generation of researchers, entrepreneurs, and leaders, UM6P is committed to position Morocco and Africa at the forefront of technology and humanities fields.

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## Humanities, Economics and Social Sciences Cluster

The Social Sciences, Economics and Humanities Cluster at Mohammed VI Polytechnic University is a teaching and research ecosystem that closely brings together three entities:

- Faculty of Governance, Economics and Social Sciences (FGSES); offering Undergraduate, Master's as well as Ph.D. programs,
- The Africa Institute for Research in Economics and Social Sciences (AIRESS); geared towards research,
- The Public Policy School (PPS); offering executive education programs for decision-makers in both public and private sectors.

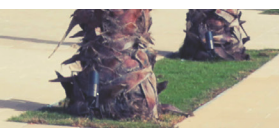
Each of these entities fulfills its own mission; using the knowledge and experience shared among a community of professors, researchers, scholars as well as public decision-makers.

All three entities have a common goal. They contribute to the development of the African continent and endow public policies with solid knowledge as well as highly skilled professional profiles that critically address issues facing the continent and the globe.

The pursuit of such a goal is driven by the idea of a New South that has intellectually freed itself from frames of thought that restricted its reflection on its own destiny by setting models to follow. Now that the New South can, for itself, critically ponder on the challenges it faces, it is positioned to advance fresher perspectives by tapping into multiple resources readily available in the form of academic knowledge and hands-on experience from its own decision-makers.

Such orientation has been developed through a combination of three fields; social sciences, economics, and the Humanities covering, in turn, four disciplines: Political Science, Applied Economics, International Relations, and Behavioral Sciences for Public Policy. These disciplines constitute in themselves the cardinal points that inform teaching as well as research programs within the larger ecosystem.

The cluster strives to enhance skills relating to independent thinking as well as critical engagement and collaboration across all segments of the academic community; from students to faculty. It aims to train well-rounded and balanced profiles that value the merit of classical education but at the same time integrate innovative approaches and methods in thinking design. Such profiles can therefore devise models that involve a fair degree of abstract thinking but take full account of the reality of the ground.





## Faculty of Governance, Economics and Social Sciences (FGSES)

All undergraduate and graduate study programs are housed at Faculty of Governance, Economics and Social Sciences (FGSES). The Bachelor's, Master's and the Ph.D levels in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences lay due emphasis upon public policy-making and analysis of specific issues within Morocco and, more broadly, the African Continent as a whole. Such programs combine the classical corpus knowledge with the latest findings, discoveries and insights in social sciences, economics and humanities to ensure world-class tuition and research in four major disciplinary areas: Applied Economics, Political Science, International Relations and Behavioral Sciences for Public Policy.

At the undergraduate level, students combine the major stream of their choice with a concentration track. They can choose from seven concentration areas: Law, Decision & Behavior, Data Analysis for Politics, Political Economy & Development studies, Business, Political Science and International Relations. Such a pedagogical arrangement allows students to make well thought out choices in light of their goals and thereby develop skills that are high-in-demand in the job marketplace.

Study programs aim to foster autonomy in learning, hindsight in thinking and discernment in decision-making. They allow students to combine personal fulfillment with a commitment to the common good and thus offer them excellent career opportunities in administrations, international organizations as well as research institutions.

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Undergraduate programs

**5**

Master programs

**3**

Ph.D. programs

About  
**500**

students

**+100**

Professors

**+250**

Courses

## Undergraduate Programs

Undergraduate programs take place over 3 years. Each program includes 38 courses in humanities, social sciences, and foreign languages.

They are designed to help students master the fundamentals of each discipline while following an interdisciplinary approach. To meet this objective, undergraduate programs start with a year of required core courses, in addition to a variety of elective courses related to the main disciplines taught at the Faculty.

This first year allows students to acquire basic knowledge and skills before specializing in one of them in the second year.

The Faculty of Governance, Economics and Social Sciences offers four undergraduate programs, each corresponding to an essential disciplinary field contributing to the knowledge and renewal of public policies:

- **Undergraduate program in Applied Economics**
- **Undergraduate program in Behavioral Sciences for Public Policy**
- **Undergraduate program in International Relations**
- **Undergraduate program in Political Science**

## Master Programs

Our master programs cover disciplinary fields in continuity of our undergraduate degrees: Economics, Behavioral Sciences, International Relations and Political Science. These masters are designed to deepen students' skills in these disciplinary fields through an applied perspective oriented towards public policies.

Five Master programs are offered within the Faculty:

- **Master's in Economic Analysis and Public Policies**
- **Master's in Quantitative Economics**
- **Master's in Behavioral and Social Sciences for Public Policies**
- **Master's in Global Affairs**
- **Master's in Political Science**

Around 60 modules are offered in all of these programs, in which courses common to two or more masters ensure both the development of interdisciplinary methodological skills and intellectual openness to other areas of knowledge. Our masters take place over two years. Each year is divided into 2 semesters. During the first three semesters, students study a variety of modules: 6 per semester in the general case. During the fourth semester, they are required to complete an End of Studies Project (ESP).

## Undergraduate Program in Applied Economics

The program offered in Applied Economics responds to a real need of training students to master modern tools and methods of economic analysis to contribute effectively to the elaboration of efficient public policies in order to ensure economic growth and development in Morocco, and more broadly in Africa.

The degree in Applied Economics provides students with solid foundations, theoretical and applied fundamentals in economics. It allows students to acquire modern quantitative and qualitative methods and tools allowing them to conduct studies at different levels and scales of economic analysis.



## Undergraduate Program in International Relations

The undergraduate degree in International Relations stands out for its innovative design and original content. It differs from other training of the same type, based essentially on the study of public law. This training provides students with the essential analysis grids to understand international relations, international organizations and the interdependencies between countries, the development and analysis of foreign policies, the study and analysis of the positioning of countries in international politics, as well as the identification and analysis of political risks in different countries and regions.

The disciplines encompassed by the study of international relations aim mainly to understand the complexity of international dynamics and their challenges and the confrontations of interests and strategies of States and political organizations. The training offered by the Faculty gives our students a global vision of political and socio-economic issues and develop their ability to understand the changes in international relations, the dynamics of power relations, the games of alliance, belligerence and the alternation of war and peace in the life of States.

### Undergraduate program in Behavioral and Social Sciences for Public Policies

The «Behavioral Sciences for Public Policies» program train students to better understand the growing needs in the various fields addressed by public policies: the need to understand populations, their preferences, their anticipations, their opinions, their reasonings, their behaviors, the influence that individuals can exert on each other, the biases that can affect their judgments or the collective phenomena that emerge from their multiple interactions.

This understanding is now a key element to propose efficient measures in the field of education, sustainable development, public communication, access to employment or health, local development, environment, internal or international security, regulation of information on social networks, political communication, voting or the participation of populations in public policies.



### Undergraduate Program in Political Science

The purpose of the Political Science program is to train specialists in the political field in its human, social and institutional aspects, enable them to understand and finely grasp its multiple dimensions, and equip them with the various tools allowing them to study or act in it wisely and efficiently. To train such profiles, the course combines courses intended to jointly develop theoretical hindsight, sensitivity to practical requirements and the art of making decisions.

The specificity of the undergraduate degree in political science is based on the balance between quantitative and qualitative methods. It aims at developing the students' ability to synthesize and bring out interrelated solutions, in touch with the reality of the populations. The program offers ambitious training through the acquisition of theoretical and empirical tools from a national and African perspective.



## Master's in Economic Analysis and Public Policies

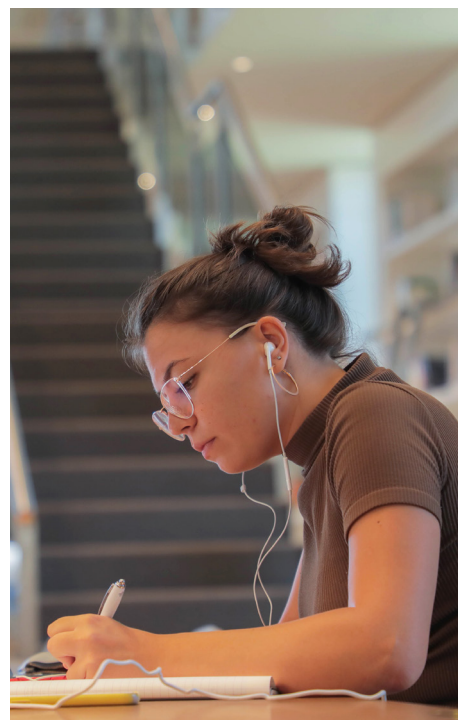
The Master's «Economic Analysis and Public Policy» (EAPP) is offered for students with a background in economics who wish to specialize in the analysis of public policies to practice professions related to planning, management, monitoring and evaluation of development projects and public policies. The program emphasizes on the social, institutional and environmental dimensions. It aims to equip students with theoretical and empirical, innovative and contemporary economic methods and tools, including the design of public policies, the assessment of their impacts, and their implementation and analysis.

The training offered in this master's is done in an applied framework adapted to Moroccan contexts and to the African continent.

## Master's in Quantitative Economics

This master's aims to train economists specializing in quantitative economics capable of developing and applying the discipline's advanced methods to various economic issues, and more specifically to development economics and public policy. It also prepares students to the Ph.D. program in Economics at the Faculty or the professional research environment, particularly that of governments and international institutions.

The program extends the basic foundations acquired in the undergraduate level. It includes highly specialized training modules in quantitative economics and development economics, comparable to those of Anglo-Saxon universities, and leading to academic and research careers. This master's program allows you to acquire the contemporary knowledge and tools of the discipline and how to use them to respond to practical and real problems.



## Master's in Political Science

The master's degree in Political Science is a generalist degree. It provides students with a general, demanding training, intended to develop their critical thinking. The master provides students with conceptual and methodological tools allowing them to think about the State in all its facets, and in its interactions with other components of the society. It questions the State according to a multidisciplinary approach. It is based on two pillars: political sociology and political philosophy. The courses offered focus more particularly on Morocco, within an African and Mediterranean context. Specialization is progressive, through the choice of elective courses and the End of Studies Project, as well as an optional internship. The program provides students with strong adaptability, necessary for long-term professional integration.

## Master's in Global Affairs

The Global Affairs MA program is aimed at providing a rigorous professional, interdisciplinary education to train the next generation of leaders of global institutions, think tanks, global civil society, and the private sector. It also aims to equip students with in-depth knowledge and the contextual perspectives needed to become successful, well-rounded professionals and leaders in a complex world. Emphasis is therefore laid on intellectual curiosity, interdisciplinarity, and regular engagement with policy makers and institutions. The program generally focuses on how states, inter-governmental and global non-state actors interact with each other in a globalized world.

The master's in Global Affairs takes place over two years. Each year is divided into 2 semesters. The first three semesters are devoted to the teaching of modules: 6 modules per semester. The fourth semester is devoted to the completion of a master's thesis.

The study program opens many career opportunities at the national and international levels. This is especially important in an increasingly competitive job market in which graduates of this program can assume a variety of roles as researchers, senior-level leaders at international, intergovernmental, and non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. The program also prepares graduates to become senior diplomats and policymakers. For those candidates who successfully complete this MA study program and who wish to pursue a doctoral degree, it is the perfect path to join the university's new Ph.D. program in Political Science and Global Studies.



## Master's in Behavioral and Social Sciences for Public Policies

The master's in Behavioral Science and Public Policy trains people capable of mastering a wide range of advanced techniques to accurately and rigorously analyze populations, their preferences, expectations, opinions, behaviors, biases that can affect their judgments, or collective phenomena that emerge from their multiple interactions.

This interdisciplinary dimension is essential to train profiles capable of facing the current challenges of public policies, insofar as many questions imply, to be solidly treated, the joint lighting of several disciplines and the use of a range of various tools.

# Ph.D. Programs

Our Ph.D. programs aim to train specialists capable of conducting cutting-edge research, applied to public policies in the various disciplines that form the backbone of teaching and research at the FGSES: Economics, Political Science, International relations, Global Affairs, Behavioral Sciences.

AIRESS offers three Ph.D. programs as follows:

## Ph.D. program in Political Science & Global Studies

The Ph.D. program in Political Science and Global Studies is a three year research-based multidisciplinary doctoral program. It aims at producing qualified and high-level professionals who could play leading roles in the pursuit of knowledge production and quality research that are interdisciplinary in nature and thereby enhance scientific knowledge in the field.

## Ph.D. program in Economics

The Ph.D. program in Economics is a four-year doctoral program. It provides students with rigorous training in economic theory and quantitative methods, with a similar level of rigor required in competitive doctoral programs in economics worldwide. It is backed by a group of internationally recognized economists with experience across a wide range of topics.

## Ph.D. program in Behavioral and Social Sciences

The Ph.D. program in Behavioral and Social Sciences trains high qualified professionals in social sciences (sociology, political science or anthropology) or in behavioral sciences (psychology) to reflect on issues related to public policies in Morocco and Africa. This program equips students with strong interdisciplinary skills for developing innovative and effective research.



The application process is open every year during the spring. Applicants who have been accepted to one of the doctoral programs receive a three-year scholarship.



# International Cooperation

The Faculty of Governance, Economics and Social Sciences places high importance on cooperation in both aspects of its mission as a research and teaching institution.

- **Study Abroad**

The FGSES education is designed to prioritize openness to the rest of the world for students, starting from the first year of study. This international dimension is reflected on coursework, on welcoming international students and on developing exchange programs allowing students to visit partner universities abroad. At the undergraduate level, these exchange programs allow students to spend a semester abroad at one of the partner universities of our academic network.

This mobility enriches students' academic background and offers a clear added value to reach future professional goals.

- **International Students at FGSES**

Every year, the Faculty welcomes international students from around 80 partner universities worldwide.

Exchange students can study at the Faculty for a semester or a full academic year. They design their own study programs at the undergraduate or the master's level. Exchange program students have access to a wide range of courses in the disciplines offered by the Faculty: Global Affairs, Political Science, Economics, Economic Analysis and Public Policies, Behavioral and Social Sciences, but also to language courses.



Learn more about  
our partner universities



**+75**  
Partner  
Universities





## Africa Institute for Research in Economics and Social Sciences - AIRESS

Research projects at UM6P cluster are housed at the Africa Institute for Research in Economics and Social Sciences (AIRESS). AIRESS focuses on subjects related to public policy in Africa such as ecology, sustainable development, education, decision analysis, economic policy, social policy, security, diplomacy and international relations. It is as a space in which professors of Faculty of Governance, Economics and Social Sciences (FGSES), researchers and doctoral students interact and work on various programs related to the disciplinary areas taught at the institution.

These major programs include research projects on specific issues. They are conducted by dedicated teams of scholars who use the most rigorous scientific methods. Such projects have two major objectives. First, they aim to identify useful data for public policy issues in countries of the South. Second, they seek to publish findings from fundamental and applied research in high-ranking academic publications.

### Research Programs



Future Risks &  
Economic  
Behavior



Growth,  
Development  
and Environment



Impact Evaluation  
of Social Public  
Policies



Mind, Society and  
Public Policy



Rethinking Global  
Politics from Africa



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## Public Policy School

The Public Policy School (PPS) is the entity that delivers executive education within the UM6P Cluster for Social Sciences, Economics and Humanities.

PPS offers specifically tailored programs adapted to the needs public policy makers in Africa. Such programs provide policy makers with a range of tools to perform reflective analysis on both the challenges and the opportunities on the African scene today. Training programs on offer at PPS address current public policy issues in the South and methodologically combine cutting-edge academic research with experiential knowledge from public policy decision-makers.

**+ 1600**  
*Trained participants  
since 2017*

**+ 100**  
*Experts*

**+ 15**  
*Programs*

For the delivery of its high-quality education for executives, Public Policy School calls for experts from the broader community of professors, researchers and experts from Faculty of Governance, Economics and Social Sciences (FGSES) together with the Africa Institute for Research in Economics and Social Sciences (AIRES), as well as fellows of the Policy Center for the New South, a think tank closely associated with the UM6P Cluster Social Sciences, Economics & Humanities. In line with the pedagogical values in place within the larger UM6P Cluster for Social Sciences, Economics and Social Sciences, the Public Policy School uses interactive pedagogy that places the participant at the heart of the knowledge process. As is the case with FGSES, it aims to develop autonomy in learning, hindsight in reflection together with discernment in decision-making.



## Public Policy School Executive training programs

### Modular programs

- Penser les Politiques Publiques
- Gérer les Affaires Locales et Instaurer une Bonne Gouvernance
- Accompagner la Transition Digitale dans le Secteur Public
- Renforcer les Compétences des Acteurs Publics
- Maîtriser les Outils Fondamentaux des Politiques Publiques
- Exemple de parcours : Executive Master Public Leadership

### Partnership programs

- Executive Master of Science Géopolitique et Géo économie de l'Afrique émergente
- Executive Certificate : Lead Campus - Sustainable Leadership in Africa
- Executive Certificate : Corporate Governance
- Executive Certificate : La Prospective au Service de l'Action
- Executive Certificate : Etre Acteur de la Transition Ecologique en Afrique
- Parcours Arts Oratoires : communication 2.0
- Parcours : Intelligence Economique
- Parcours : Collectivités Locales

### Tailor-made programs

- Executive Certificate - Politiques Publiques, Leadership & Management de Projet (MAGG, Banque Mondiale)
- Executive Certificate - Politiques Publiques et projets de territoires



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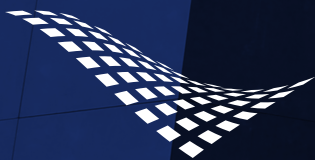












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