

The First MPA (Masters of Public Administration) in Romania with European accreditation



The Masters Program in Public Administration in English organized by the Public Administration Department, Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences has been accredited by the European Association for Public Administration Accreditation (EAPAA). The decision was taken based on evaluation report of the international evaluation commission, within the EGPA/EAPAA conference from Madrid in September 2007.

The Masters Program from the Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj- Napoca is the first university program of public administration with European accreditation.

The visit of the EAPAA International Evaluation Commission took place between 22-25 of May, 2007. The Commission was composed from:

- Prof. Robert Hertzog (chair), Université Robert Schumann, Strasbourg, France
- Doc. ing. Marta Orviska, PhD, Head of Department of Finance and Accounting, Faculty of Economics, Matej Bel University, Banska Bystrica, Slovakia
- Dr. Theo van der Krogt, University of Twente, Enschede, the Netherlands, and secretary-general of EAPAA

The evaluators met with the Faculties professors , university assistants, associated professors, students, former graduates of the masters program, administrative personnel and representatives of public institutions, they visited the faculties facilities(classrooms, laboratories, faculty library), analyzed final dissertation studies, other studies made by students during the year, education curricula and have evaluated the services offered to the students

The evaluation process took into consideration elements like:

- the field of the program(integration in the area of public administration)

- the Romanian administrative environment
- multidisciplinary approach
- longevity
- enrollment/admission procedures
- curriculum
- quality enhancing and innovation instruments
- curricula development
- external evaluation results
- students evaluation results
- the professors qualifications
- internship and counseling programs for students
- research activities in public administration
- diversity: minorities and gender issues
- scientific journals(Transylvanian Review of Administrative Science)
- services offered to the program members
- public relations

After analyzing all the elements that define this program, the evaluation Commission concluded that all the criteria's are met for the accreditation of the Public Administration Masters Program by the European Association for Public Administration Accreditation (EAPAA).

EAPAA's goal is to implement a European accreditation system for public administration programs.

Other EAPAA members include: Catholic University Leuven, Universität Potsdam, Bocconi University, University of Leiden, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands School of Public Administration (NSOB), Inst. de Hautes Études en Administration Publique (IDHEAP), Copenhagen University, University of Helsinki, Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA), The American University of Paris, Corvinus University of Budapest, University of Oslo, Universitat Ramon Llull, ESADE, University of Bern, University of Manchester, European Public Administration Network (EPAN).