

## Course Objectives

Asian Social Institute, a graduate school of transformative praxis towards justice, peace and integrity of creation, in its commitment to form leaders on all levels for personal and social transformation, is offering a Masteral Course in Sociology for those who are directly involved in governance and politics at the local level. This course aims to develop local leaders who will drive a whole movement of peoples in the community level towards social, political, economic, and spiritual transformation. Adhering to the principle and praxis of theorizing from experience, the course also aims to develop research scientists practising phenomenological methods in the empirical analysis of the science and art of "Transformative Politics" (TP) and of the pedagogy of forming TP practitioners.

## Participants

This course is specifically designed for public servants from local government units. It is offered as a graduate program for municipal, city, provincial governments who have employees wishing to have masteral degrees and who are graduates of any four-year course or any bachelor's degree. This Masteral Program is offered directly to local chief executives as staff development program for their employees.

## Mode of Program Delivery

Every course is equivalent to 3 units to be delivered in different modalities such as seminars, fora, symposia, etc. and shall be equivalent to 54 hours of classroom work except for Phenomenology of Transformational Politics and Governance which is a 6-unit Research Paper.

Courses shall be held where the requesting party is located.

### Total Number of Units:

42

### Course Duration:

18 months or 1 year  
and 6 months

### Course Fee:

PhP 62,570.00

## The Subjects

### Philosophy of Commitment to Total Human Development (PCTHD)

A reflective and critical assessment of experiences in human development work as a person, as a member of a family, as a member or leader in a community viewed from several perspectives – oriental values, Christian social teachings, the philosophy of ASI's founder seen in the context of emerging trends today. (3 units)

### Socio-Cultural Analysis of Philippine Society and Its Developments in the Recent Past

Use the sociological concepts and theories, both contemporary and classical, to demonstrate interrelationships between personality, society and culture. SCAn will also include analysis, critical study and the historical development of social issues and social theories from value perspective and from the standpoint of 2/3 majority of the poor and the marginalized in Asia

Since this is an analytical course, LGU practitioners should be able to look at some phenomena such as the political activities of social classes, racial and ethnic groups, genders, generations, elites, masses, religious, and other groups; how social forces shape policies that determine the economic, political and socio-cultural development of a country; and how technology and globalization affects all spheres of human life. (3 units)

### Political Sociology and History of Political Thought

This course presents to the LGU practitioners Political Sociology from the perspectives of three theories: social class theory, elite theory and pluralist theory from which they should be able to analyze the political situation they are coming from and develop an understanding from the perspective of that reality. It will also look at different general approaches to relations between politics and society advanced by Marx, Weber and Durkheim.

This course also presents the historical context in which certain ideas about ethics and politics developed. History of political ideas, and specifically a history of Philippine politics in the context of social developments in the country. (3 units)

### Sociology of Power and Power in the Context of Philippine Governance and Politics

This course is designed to look at the sociological and political scientific theorization of power within the different social systems; politics from different ideological persuasions. It is also designed to provide a broader understanding of authority and influence within the context of Filipino culture and how this is practiced in government and politics. (3 units)

### Leadership Forms and Processes: The HOW and WHAT of Transformational Leadership in Governance and Politics

This course delves into the different types and forms of leadership as exemplified by classical and contemporary leaders in their times and within their contexts in the realm of politics and governance. It is also aimed at orienting the LGU practitioners to leadership values that ASI is promoting in its desire to participate in social transformation. (3 units)

### Legal Philosophy

This course basically deals on the relationships between law, power and authority which is a foundational precept of politics and how LAW is both a tool of social peace and stability as well as social change. (3 units)

### The Faith Imperatives of Public Service (Christian Social Teachings / Caritas in Veritate)

This course is designed to explicitly dissect the different aspects and sectoral concerns of society and viewing them from the perspectives of the Christian Social Teachings of the Church. (3 units)

**The Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) and the Provision for Peoples’ Participation in Governance**

This course studies the Local Government Code of 1991 and analyzes how the Code serves as a tool for peace and stability leading to social change.

It also presents, by way of comparison and evaluation, the provisions stipulating the involvement of social movements, socio-political organizations, and civil society groups in local politics and governance vis-à-vis the emerging new modalities of people participation. **(3 units)**

**Sustainable Local Economic Development / Community Economics**

This course orients the LGU practitioners on how economic analysis taken from the daily life experiences of people becomes the basis for understanding the economic situation of the country and how public policy is developed and formulated. The principles and concept of Sustainable Local Economic Development will also be presented. **(3 units)**

**Local Government Planning, Budgeting and Financing**

This course deals with the study of project conceptualization, project cycle, monitoring and evaluation. It also includes the study of management of small enterprises. The LGU practitioner will be exposed to actual feasibility study and project proposal writing. **(3 units)**

**Phenomenological Research Method**

Phenomenology of Transformational Politics and Governance – **6 units** of research work on particular experiences as LGU practitioner (theorizing from experience)

**Requirements for Admission**

Applicants to this program should be nominees of the local chief executive with the following qualifications:

1. a graduate of any appropriate undergraduate degree
2. with a minimum of 3 years work experience in a local government unit where s/he is presently connected
3. leadership potential
4. capacity for independent study
5. documents to be submitted:
  - formal letter of application
  - two copies ASI Form No. 6 (Application Form)
  - Official transcript of record: Original Copy with Special Order (S.O.)
  - Honorable dismissal from the last school attended
  - two (2) letters of recommendation from the Mayor or Governor specifying that the City/Municipality/ Provincial Government is shouldering the cost of study
  - autobiography
  - 2 passport-sized ID picture
6. must undergo an interview with the Section Head
7. must pass the entrance examination

**Breakdown of Course Fee**

Tuition (42 units @ Php 720/unit)	Php 30,240.00
Other Fees:	8,180.00
Library Fee	
Student ID	
Registration	
Entrance Exams	
Audiovisual aids and equipment	
Publications	
Student Activities	
Institutional Development Fees	
Alumni ID	300.00
Graduation Fee	3,350.00
Toga Rental	500.00
Phenomenological Research Fees	
Proposal	10,000.00
Final	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Php 62,570.00</b>



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