Department of Public Administration is one of the oldest faculties within Southeast University. Originally traced back to 1902 as the Political Science Department of Central University, and became a part of Southeast University as the Politics and Public Administration Department since 1996, the department quickly grew and developed into the Department of Public Administration in 2011. Currently the department focuses on the fields of public policy, administrative ethics and new media in government.

Since its inception, Department of Public Administration has earned the reputation as a place where students can learn from the brightest minds. The department offers talented students with an undergraduate program on politics and administration, a master program on public administration, as well as a professional degree, the master of public administration (MPA), designed for those who seek leadership positions in public service. The department attaches great importance to advanced theoretical knowledge, strong political thinking consciousness, and innovative organizational skills.

The department also attracts a community of experienced and accomplished faculty members. They all have PhD degrees, with diversified academic backgrounds and systematic knowledge structures. Using latest concepts and approaches to education, these experts have built the international perspectives, creative thinking and interdisciplinary concerns in their teaching role. Faculty members have obtained substantial financial support from various levels of public and private organizations, e.g. National Social Science Foundation, Ministry of Education, Humanities and Social Science Foundation of Jiangsu Province.

Meanwhile, the department is committed to exploring new ways to direct these resources back into the community, applying the theories and researches to help make a better society. Some outstanding faculty members are granted to short-term leadership positions in local governments. They have made remarkable achievements in personnel management, social services as well as academic research. As for the professional training in the MPA program, the department established cooperative partnerships with the Civil Service Bureau, the Health Department and other institutions in Jiangsu Province.

Over the years, the Department of Public Administration at Southeast University has become an important base for talent nurture, scientific research and social service in China’s public administration domain.