

## 2 YEAR SPRING START FULL-TIME MPA

Spring 1st	Fall 1st	Spring 2nd	Fall 2nd
PA 602 Strategic Planning & Org Change	PA 621 Quantitative Methods of Research	PA 622 Public Program Evaluation	PA 681 Capstone in Public Administration
PA 652 Public Policy Economics	PA 631 Public Financial Mgmt	Area of concentration course	PA 642 Public and Nonprofit Org Theory & Behavior
Area of Concentration Course	PA 651 The Policy Process	Area of concentration course	Area of concentration course (request waiver for 623)
	PA 691 Ethics in Public Policy	PA 711 Experiential Education in Public Admin (1 credit). See notes below to select the correct semester.	
9 credits	12 credits	10 credits	9 credits

### NOTES

1. 621 & 622 are a two-course sequence that should be taken in back to back semesters
2. 631/651/642 can be moved between the first and second fall as students wish; however, students interested in the Non-Profit Management certificate must take PA 642 in their first fall. It is not possible to do the Public Financial Management certificate. No other courses should be moved to a different semester (except area of concentration courses) without consultation with the Graduate Coordinator and DGS and all courses are generally offered only in the fall or only in the spring.
3. For spring start students to graduate in 2 years, they must request a waiver for 623 and take 681 in the fall. 681 must be taken in the last semester. Fall 681 is not a client-based capstones and students are urged to start work on their capstone during the summer in consultation with the professor teaching fall 681.
4. Area of concentration courses are electives and can be moved to the semesters that work best. We encourage students to select them carefully to build additional expertise in an area. Students can find approved electives by viewing their degree audit; other electives can be approved on a case-by-case basis by the DGS. Students may take electives to simultaneously acquire a Non-Profit Management certificate (must apply for certificate; please reach out to the Graduate Coordinator if interested).
5. Students with a traditional internship should take PA 711 in their last fall after their internship is complete. Students who will do a project to fulfill PA 711 because they have extensive, relevant work experience should take PA 711 in their 2nd spring semester. Those with extensive, relevant work experience may also request a waiver for PA 711; in this case, they will need to take an extra elective in its place.
6. 691 is an online synchronous course taken simultaneously by both online and in-person MPA students. Occasionally, other core courses are offered only online and a few electives are online only.
7. As a rule, in-person students are required to take in-person courses when offered unless they have permission of the DGS to do otherwise. Online students are required to take online courses.