

2.5 YEAR SPRING START FULL-TIME MPA

Spring 1st	Fall 1st	Spring 2nd	Fall 2nd	Spring 3rd
PA 602 Strategic Planning & Org Change	PA 621 Quantitative Methods of Research	PA 622 Public Program Evaluation	PA 623 Decision Analysis & Decision Support Systems	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
Area of Concentration Course	PA 691 Ethics in Public Policy		PA 651 The Policy Process	
		PA 711 Experiential Education in Public Admin (1 credit). See notes below to select the correct semester.		
9 credits	9 credits	7 credits	9 credits	6 credits

NOTES

- 621 & 622 are a two-course sequence that should be taken in back to back semesters
- 631/651/642 can be moved between the first and second fall as students wish; however, students interested in the Public Financial Management certificate must take 631 in their first fall. 642 can be taken in the second fall for students pursuing the Non-Profit Management certificate, though they may wish to take it their first fall to consider whether such a certificate would be right for them. No other courses (except areas of concentration) should be moved to a different semester without consultation with the Graduate Coordinator and DGS and all courses are generally offered only in the fall or only in the spring.
- 623 & 681 are a two-course sequence designed to culminate in a capstone. 623 is offered only in the fall. 623 & 681 may not be taken in the same semester and 681 must be taken in a student's last semester.
- 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 Public Financial Management or Non-Profit Management certificate (must apply for certificates; please reach out to the Graduate Coordinator).
- 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 penultimate 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.
- 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.
- 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.