

FULL-TIME ONLINE MPA

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

NOTES

1. 621 & 622 are a two-course sequence that should be taken in the first year.
2. 631/651/642 can be moved between the first and second fall as students wish; however, those interested in the Public Financial Management certificate may wish to take 631 in their first fall and those interested in the Non-Profit Management certificate may wish to take 642 in their first fall to consider whether such certificates would be right for them. No other courses 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.
3. 623 & 681 are a two-course sequence designed to culminate in a capstone. These courses are synchronous, though they do not meet every week. 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. If a student takes longer than two years to complete their degree and wishes to graduate in the summer or fall or is worried about the synchronous nature of these two courses, please reach out to the Graduate Coordinator and DGS as soon as possible for guidance.
4. Area of concentration courses are electives. 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 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 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.
6. 691 is an online synchronous course taken simultaneously by both online and in-person MPA students. Currently, it is offered Thursdays at 6 pm, though the weekday could change from year-to-year. Every effort should be made to take it in the first fall, though if this is not possible it can be taken in the second fall.
7. As a rule, online students are required to take online courses when offered unless they have permission of the DGS to do otherwise.