

PART-TIME IN-PERSON MPA

| Fall 1st | Spring 1st | Fall 2nd | Spring 2nd | Summer | Fall 3rd | Spring 3rd |
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| PA 621 Quantitative Methods of Research | PA 622 Public Program Evaluation | PA 631 Public Financial Mgmt | PA 652 Public Policy Economics | Area of concentration course | PA 623 Decision Analysis and Decision Support Systems | PA 681 Capstone in Public Administration |
| PA 691 Ethics in Public Policy | PA 602 Strategic Planning & Org Change | PA 651 The Policy Process | Area of concentration course | | PA 642 Public and Nonprofit Org Theory & Behavior | Area of concentration course |
| | | | PA 711 Experiential Education in Public Admin (1 credit). See notes below to select the correct semester. It is not offered in the summer. | | | |
| 6 credits | 6 credits | 6 credits | 7 credits | 3 credits | 6 credits | 6 credits |

NOTES

- 621 & 622 are a two-course sequence that should be taken in the first year.
- 631/651/642 can be moved between fall semesters as students wish; however, students interested in the Public Financial Management certificate must take 631 no later than their second fall. 642 can be taken any fall, though students interested in pursuing the Non-Profit Management certificate may wish to take it in the first or second fall to determine 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. If a student wishes to speed up or slow down their part-time degree and wishes to graduate in the summer or fall, please reach out to the Graduate Coordinator and DGS as soon as possible for guidance.
- 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 if interested).
- 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.
- If you cannot find a suitable summer elective or do not wish to take an elective in the summer, you will need to take your elective in another semester. Please note: the Martin School offers a very limited number of summer electives through its Masters of Public Financial Management (MPFM) program.
- There are many reasons why part-time students are not always able to follow the schedule of courses laid out above. If this applies to you, please reach out to the Graduate Coordinator to be sure you have an appropriate plan in place to complete your degree.