

PART-TIME ONLINE MPA

Fall 1st	Spring 1st	Fall 2nd	Spring 2nd	Summer	Fall 3rd	Spring 3rd
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 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 or second fall and those interested in the Non-Profit Management certificate may wish to take 642 in their first or second 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.
- 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 wishes to speed up or slow down their part-time 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.
- 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. 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.
- As a rule, online students are required to take online 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.