School of Public Management & Policy
UIS UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD

Doctor of Public Administration Degree

Student Name		UIN	
Semester		Date	
Intended Graduation Term			
Concentration(s)			

Core Coursework				
Course No.	**Course Title**	**Term**	**Hrs.**	**Notes**
PAD 651	Leading Social Sector Change and Innovation	Fall 24	4	
PAD 652	Public Management Seminar	Spring 25	4	
PAD 654	Research Design	Summer 25	4	
PAD 653	Public Policy Seminar	Fall 25	4	
PAD 656	Quantitative Methods	Spring 26	4	
PAD 655	Qualitative Methods	Summer 26	4	
PAD 689	Qualifying Exam	Fall 26	0	
Advanced Content Area: Choose 1*				
PAD 657	Advanced Public Management Seminar	Spring 26 or 27	4	
PAD 658	Advanced Public Policy Seminar		4	
Advanced Method: Choose 1**				
PAD 507	Information for Decision-Making	As student's schedule allows Subject to availability	3	
PAD 525	Informatics for Public Policy		3	
PAD 526	Advanced Analytical Tools: Forecasting, Time Series Analysis, and Predictive Analytics		3	
ENS 404	Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems		3	
CSC 572	Advanced Database Concepts		3	Only an option for those seeking the Data Modeling and Analytics specialization—Prerequisite CSC 472
Topical Electives**				
	Students must complete 6 hours of elective coursework at the 500-level or above approved by the doctoral program faculty	As student's schedule allows. Subject to availability.	at least 6	
Dissertation				
PAD 659	Proposal Writing Seminar	Summer 27		At least 1-credit hour per semester after all coursework is complete, including proposal writing seminar until dissertation is completed.
PAD 690	Dissertation		12	

*Students may take a second advanced content course for topical elective credit.

** Students may take another 500-level or higher methods course with advisor approval.

***Students may take up to 3-credit hours of electives as an independent study under the direction of a DPA faculty member. Students should review the approved topical choices for each specialization as outlined on the **next page**.

Specializations*				
Course No.	**Course Title**	**Term**	**Hrs.**	**Notes**
Organizational Leadership and Management (Topical Electives)				
PAD 504	Public Budgeting and Finance		3	
PAD 545	Public Financial Management		3	
PAD 538	Public Service Ethics & Leadership		3	
PAD 534	Program Implementation		3	
PAD 552	Strategic Planning and Management		3	
MGT 531	Acquiring and Developing Talent		3	
BUS 552	Power		3	
BUS 553	Leadership in a Global Era		3	
MGT 531	Acquiring and Developing Talent		3	
Policy Analysis & Program Evaluation (Topical Electives)* – Environmental Policy				
ENS 581	Environmental Policy & Analysis (required)		4	
Choose 1 of the following:				
ENS 483	Environmental Policies: National Environmental Policy		4	
ENS 501	Land Use and Environmental Planning		4	
ENS 571	Sustainable Development		4	
ENS 587	Natural Resources: Policy & Administration		4	
Public Health Policy				
MPH 531	Public Health Policy (required)		4	
Choose 1 of the following:				
MPH 575	Health Economics		4	
MPH 541	Social Determinants of Health		4	
Social Policy				
PAD 522	U.S. Social Policy (required)		4	
Choose 1 of the following:				
MPH 541	Social Determinants of Health		4	
HMS 511	Social Policy & Human Services		3	
HMS 582	Aging and Human Services		3	
PSC 537	Social Capital and Values		3	
PAD 521	International Poverty, Inequality, & Development		3	
Data Modeling & Analytics				
CSC 501	Graduate Programming Practicum		4	
CSC 472	Introduction to Database Systems		4	
DAT 502	Introduction to Statistical Computation		4	

Some specialization choices may take the student beyond that base 52 required credit hours for the DPA degree.