



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 26	4		
PAD 652	Public Management Seminar	Spring 27	4		
PAD 654	Research Design	Summer 27	4		
PAD 653	Public Policy Seminar	Fall 27	4		
PAD 656	Quantitative Methods	Spring 28	4		
PAD 655	Qualitative Methods	Summer 28	4		
PAD 689	Qualifying Exam	Aug 28	0		
Advanced Content Area: Choose 1*					
PAD 657	Advanced Public Management Seminar	Spring 28 or 29	4		
PAD 658	Advanced Public Policy Seminar		4		
Advanced Method: Choose 1**					
PAD 507	Information for Decision-Making	As student's schedule allows	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	Subject to availability	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 29	3	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	
<i>Choose 1 of the following:</i>				
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	
<i>Choose 1 of the following:</i>				
MPH 575	Health Economics		4	
MPH 541	Social Determinants of Health		4	
Social Policy				
PAD 522	U.S. Social Policy (required)		4	
<i>Choose 1 of the following:</i>				
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.