Public Administration (PUAD)

Courses

PUAD 665. Information Technology and Decision Science. 4 Units.

PUAD 668. Philosophy and Theory of Public Interest. 4 Units.
Examines principal themes and arguments in Western political philosophy in relation to their application in social policy and public administration. Special attention given to the political ideologies of classic individualistic liberalism and civic republicanism as primary sources for an American public philosophy.

PUAD 669. Intergovernmental and Public Relations. 3 Units.
Requisites of sound public relations programs among government agencies and for communicating with the general public. Techniques for selecting, preparing, and disseminating governmental issues: media; social, psychological, and political principles.

PUAD 674. Philanthropy and Development Management. 3 Units.
Reviews the process and skills required to develop and manage philanthropic advancement, including planning. The role of administration in achieving development goals.

PUAD 675. Public Financial Management and Budgeting. 3 Units.
Addresses the role, dynamics, politics, and processes involved in the public budgetary function; and associated budget-preparation methods. Introduces students to advanced techniques employed by financial analysts in the public sector, including forecasting techniques, performance-measurement construction, activity-based costing, and expenditure-analysis techniques. Examines types and structure of contemporary revenue sources. Reviews the fiscal interrelationships among federal, state, and local levels of government.

PUAD 676. Cost-Benefit Analysis. 2 Units.
Addresses evaluation of government programs using cost-benefit analysis. Examines how scarce or unemployed resources should be priced, the choice of proper time-discount rates, treatment of income distribution issues, human investments, environment benefits, intergovernmental grants, and regulatory problems. Students examine case studies and complete an evaluation of a program using cost-benefit analysis.

PUAD 677. Organizational Behavior. 4 Units.
Introduces a wide variety of theories, models, strategies, and experiences in the aspect of management that focuses on understanding, predicting, and influencing human behavior in an organization. Develops skills with which thinking administrators can find their own solutions to problems in specific situations and can function effectively with their employees in the work environment. Prerequisite: SOWK 672.

PUAD 678. Public Administration Management. 3 Units.
Reviews the theoretical roots and values of public administration and how these influence perspectives in contemporary public administration management. Emphasizes understanding of the nature of public accountability and the achievement of public goals. Integrates the various theoretical frameworks and analytical tools used to support executive decision making, contingency development, and the implementation of planned change. Reviews diffusion strategies, future forecasting, PERT, and other administrative tools.

PUAD 688. Administrative Law. 3 Units.
Administrative perspectives on legal principles of agency rule making and adjudication; distinctions between informal and administrative actions; decision making; judicial review; and public control of administrative decisions.

PUAD 698. Doctoral Project. 4 Units.
Successful completion of the doctoral project requires demonstrated competency in two areas of public administration and social policy. Project design gives students an opportunity to reflect critically on the role and functions of public administration, demonstrate administrative problem solving, and exhibit their leadership capacities. Student chooses two areas of specialization; identifies a significant problem in each; applies appropriate research and administrative analysis; and formulates plausible solutions that illustrate a thorough understanding of the relevant technical, legal, ethical, and political issues. Project prepared in consultation with the student’s doctoral guidance committee.