

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (D.P.A.)

College of Business and Public Management

Curriculum

Doctoral Study

DPA 700	Pre-Doctoral Seminar in Public Policy and Administration	1
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Administrative Core

DPA 701	Advanced Practice and Applied Theories of Public Policy and Administration	3
DPA 702	Strategic Public Sector Management and Governance	3
DPA 703	Advanced Public Sector Economic and Financial Decision Making	3
DPA 704	Advocacy and Leadership in Public Policy and Administration	3

Methods Sequence

DPA 705	Research Design for Program and Policy Evaluation	3
DPA 706	Quantitative Methods of Program and Policy Evaluation	3
DPA 707	Qualitative Methods of Program and Policy Evaluation	3

Concentration Area

May be selected from among the following departments: public policy and administration, criminal justice, geography and planning, and graduate social work

Capstone Project

DPA 801	Capstone Seminar I: Research Questions and Framing the Literature	3
DPA 802	Capstone Seminar II: Data and Measurements	3
DPA 803	Capstone Seminar III: Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis	3
DPA 804	Capstone Seminar IV: Findings and Recommendations	3

Total Credits Required 43

Sample Course Plan

To track their individual degree progress, students are advised to access their Degree Progress Report (DPR) via my WCU and consult their Graduate Coordinator. For more information, visit wcupa.edu/DegreeProgressReport.

The following is a suggested course sequence for this program; course offerings and availability are not guaranteed. Students should consult their academic advisor with any questions.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Semester One		
DPA 700	Pre-Doctoral Seminar in Public Policy and Administration	1
DPA 701	Advanced Practice and Applied Theories of Public Policy and Administration	3
DPA 705	Research Design for Program and Policy Evaluation	3
PPA/CRJ/GEO/GSW Concentration Elective Course		3
	Credits	10
Semester Two		
DPA 703	Advanced Public Sector Economic and Financial Decision Making	3
DPA 704	Advocacy and Leadership in Public Policy and Administration	3

DPA 706	Quantitative Methods of Program and Policy Evaluation	3
	Credits	9

Year Two

Semester One

DPA 702	Strategic Public Sector Management and Governance	3
DPA 707	Qualitative Methods of Program and Policy Evaluation	3
PPA/CRJ/GEO/GSW Concentration Elective Course		3
	Credits	9

Semester Two

DPA 801	Capstone Seminar I: Research Questions and Framing the Literature	3
DPA 802	Capstone Seminar II: Data and Measurements	3
PPA/CRJ/GEO/GSW Concentration Elective Course		3
	Credits	9

Year Three

Semester One

DPA 803	Capstone Seminar III: Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis ¹	3
DPA 804	Capstone Seminar IV: Findings and Recommendations ¹	3
	Credits	6
	Total Credits	43

¹ These courses may be taken during the summer to complete the program in two years.