

# DOCTOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (DPA)

*College of Business and Public Management*

## Courses

### **DPA 700. Pre-Doctoral Seminar in Public Policy and Administration. 3 Credits.**

The pre-doctoral seminar explores the development of the doctorate of public administration. Issues of effective leadership in the practice of public policy and administration are explored. Special emphasis is placed on knowledge and theory application by those with advanced practice doctorates in the field.

Distance education offering may be available.

Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

### **DPA 701. Advanced Practice and Applied Theories of Public Policy and Administration. 3 Credits.**

This course engages students in an advanced examination of the scope and theory of public administration. Emphasis is placed on how the evolution and diversification of public policy and administration theory has impacted practice. Coursework will train students in the identification and evaluation of lessons or knowledge derived from the theoretical literature. Distance education offering may be available.

### **DPA 702. Strategic Public Sector Management and Governance. 3 Credits.**

This course focuses on the key internal and external factors that drive strategic management and governance within the public sector. Issues related to the management of human capital in cooperation, collaboration, strategic planning, and performance measurement within and among organizations are explored.

Distance education offering may be available.

### **DPA 703. Advanced Public Sector Economic and Financial Decision Making. 3 Credits.**

This course trains students on the use of economic and financial management tools and theories to evaluate the impact of public policies and fiscal decisions. Emphasis is placed on the application of economic and budget theory to financial decision making in the fields of public administration, and policy. Particular attention is paid to economic and budgetary functions, including: control, management, planning, policy, and collaboration.

Distance education offering may be available.

### **DPA 704. Advocacy and Leadership in Public Policy and Administration. 3 Credits.**

This course highlights the unique role public administrators play in the formation and implementation of public policy. Students are trained in strategies and skills to influence public policy decision-making to maximize policy outcomes for the communities and individuals they serve.

Distance education offering may be available.

### **DPA 705. Research Design for Program and Policy Evaluation. 3 Credits.**

This course covers proper design of empirical research. While research design is discussed broadly, an emphasis is placed on common quantitative and qualitative designs used by public sector practitioners. Topics covered in the course include issues related to proper measurement, sampling, and data collection. Students will learn to track program and policy outcomes and establish causation.

Distance education offering may be available.

### **DPA 706. Quantitative Methods of Program and Policy Evaluation. 3 Credits.**

This course introduces statistical theories and techniques commonly used by public sector managers in policy analysis and program evaluation. Topics include probability theory, statistical inference, and advanced statistical techniques such as multivariate regression, regression with limited dependent variables, and time-series analysis.

Pre / Co requisites: DPA 706 requires a prerequisite of DPA 705.

Distance education offering may be available.

### **DPA 707. Qualitative Methods of Program and Policy Evaluation. 3 Credits.**

This course prepares students to properly design and implement qualitative research techniques for policy analysis and program evaluation. Topics include case studies, interviewing, focus groups, participant observations, ethnography, and document analysis.

Pre / Co requisites: DPA 707 requires a prerequisite of DPA 705.

Distance education offering may be available.

### **DPA 801. Dissertation Seminar I: Research Questions and Framing the Literature. 3 Credits.**

The DPA Dissertation Seminar is a series of four courses whereby students demonstrate mastery of required competencies through the completion of a final culminating independent applied research project. This is the first in a series of four courses designed to guide and support students in the identification of research questions and tracing the relevant literature.

Distance education offering may be available.

Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

### **DPA 802. Dissertation Seminar II: Data and Measurements. 3 Credits.**

The DPA Dissertation Seminar is a series of four courses whereby students demonstrate mastery of required competencies through the completion of a final culminating independent applied research project. This is the second in a series of four courses designed to guide and support students in the identification and collection of data and the formulation of appropriation measurement techniques.

Distance education offering may be available.

Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

### **DPA 803. Dissertation Seminar III: Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis. 3 Credits.**

The DPA Dissertation Seminar is a series of four courses whereby students demonstrate mastery of required competencies through the completion of a final culminating independent applied research project. This is the third in a series of four courses designed to guide and support students in the evaluation of data using both quantitative and qualitative methods.

Distance education offering may be available.

Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

### **DPA 804. Dissertation Seminar IV: Findings and Recommendations. 3 Credits.**

The DPA Dissertation Seminar is a series of four courses whereby students demonstrate mastery of required competencies through the completion of a final culminating independent applied research project. This is the fourth in a series of four courses designed to guide and support students in completing the dissertation project by formulating findings and recommendations.

Distance education offering may be available.

Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.