

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

College of Business and Public Management

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Doctoral Study		
DPA 700	Doctoral Seminar in Public Policy and Administration	3
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 Research Methods	3
Concentration Area		
May be selected from different departments such as: Public Policy and Administration, Criminal Justice, Geography and Planning, Graduate Social Work, Health, and Psychology.		9
Dissertation Project		
DPA 801	Dissertation Seminar I: Research Questions and Framing the Literature	3
DPA 802	Dissertation Seminar II: Data and Measurements	3
DPA 803	Dissertation Seminar III: Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis	3
DPA 804	Dissertation Seminar IV: Recommendations and Conclusions	3
Total Credits Required		45

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 (<http://wcupa.edu/DegreeProgressReport/>).

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

Nine Credits Per Semester

NOTE: Some courses may be able to be completed during the summer term. Please check the schedule of classes for availability.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Semester One		
DPA 700	Doctoral Seminar in Public Policy and Administration	3
DPA 701	Advanced Practice and Applied Theories of Public Policy and Administration	3

Concentration Elective Course		3
Credits		9
Semester Two		
DPA 703	Advanced Public Sector Economic and Financial Decision Making	3
DPA 705	Research Design for Program and Policy Evaluation	3
Concentration Elective Course		3
Credits		9
Year Two		
Semester One		
DPA 702	Strategic Public Sector Management and Governance	3
DPA 707	Qualitative Research Methods	3
Concentration Elective Course		3
Credits		9
Semester Two		
DPA 704	Advocacy and Leadership in Public Policy and Administration	3
DPA 706	Quantitative Methods of Program and Policy Evaluation	3
Credits		6
Year Three		
Semester One		
DPA 801	Dissertation Seminar I: Research Questions and Framing the Literature	3
DPA 802	Dissertation Seminar II: Data and Measurements	3
Credits		6
Semester Two		
DPA 803	Dissertation Seminar III: Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis ¹	3
DPA 804	Dissertation Seminar IV: Recommendations and Conclusions	3
Credits		6
Total Credits		45

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Six Credits Per Semester

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Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Semester One		
DPA 700	Doctoral Seminar in Public Policy and Administration	3
DPA 701	Advanced Practice and Applied Theories of Public Policy and Administration	3
Credits		6
Semester Two		
DPA 705	Research Design for Program and Policy Evaluation	3
Concentration Elective Course		3
Credits		6

Year Two		
Semester One		
DPA 702	Strategic Public Sector Management and Governance	3
Concentration Elective Course		3
Credits		6
Semester Two		
DPA 703	Advanced Public Sector Economic and Financial Decision Making	3
DPA 706	Quantitative Methods of Program and Policy Evaluation	3
Credits		6
Year Three		
Semester One		
DPA 704	Advocacy and Leadership in Public Policy and Administration	3
DPA 707	Qualitative Research Methods	3
Credits		6
Semester Two		
DPA 801	Dissertation Seminar I: Research Questions and Framing the Literature	3
Concentration Elective Course		3
Credits		6
Year Four		
Semester One		
DPA 802	Dissertation Seminar II: Data and Measurements	3
Credits		3
Semester Two		
DPA 803	Dissertation Seminar III: Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis ¹	3
DPA 804	Dissertation Seminar IV: Recommendations and Conclusions	3
Credits		6
Total Credits		45

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