PAUP - Public Administration and Urban Policy

PUBLIC ADMIN/URBAN POLICY Courses

PAUP 801. Theories of Public Policy. 3 Credits.
Exploration of key theories and approaches to public policy. This course covers all phases of the policy process, from formulation to evaluation, with particular focus upon the substance, political dynamics, and evolution of public policy.

PAUP 802. Logic of Social Inquiry. 3 Credits.
Social inquiry, the production and application of social science knowledge in the field of public administration/public management and urban policy, is replete with contending philosophical and paradigmatic points of view. The goal of this course is to provide a forum for students to review and critique the major issues within social inquiry: ways of knowing (questions of epistemology and methodology), ways of deciding and ways of acting upon decisions.

PAUP 803. Multivariate Quantitative Analysis for Public Administration. 3 Credits.
This course explores the proper use, calculation, and interpretation of multivariate statistics as commonly found in the literature in public administration. The course will prepare students to choose the appropriate statistical tools, generate testable hypotheses, correctly apply the statistical tool, analyze the results, and present and interpret the results of those tests in a manner appropriate for public in the field.

PAUP 804. Policy and Program Evaluation. 3 Credits.
Examination of various methodologies for designing and conducting public urban program evaluation and research. Experimental, quasi-experimental and nonexperimental procedures will be covered. Prerequisite: PADM 753 or URBN 607.

PAUP 806. Urban Resource Allocation. 3 Credits.

PAUP 807. Urban Theory and Practice. 3 Credits.
Lecture 3 hours; 3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor or graduate program director. The purpose of this course is to convey an understanding of urban theory and practice in the culturally diverse urban environment. The course focuses on the process of urbanization, social differentiation, and social and political organization. Special emphasis is given to the role of technology in contributing to urban change.

PAUP 808. Intellectual Foundations of Public Administration. 3 Credits.
The course reviews the broad topics of administration theory, behavior and practice in organizations and focuses on the development of management thoughts, as well as the macro and micro organizational processes in public and non-profit organizations.

PAUP 809. Public Organization Behavior and Theory. 3 Credits.
This course is intended to provide a forum for students to discuss and advance their knowledge of the broad classical and modern organizations theories and behavior. The goal is that in the process of discussing the theories of organization, students will develop expertise in specific, cutting edge areas of academic thoughts of the field.

PAUP 810. Governance and Accountability. 3 Credits.
Public law defines the structure and authorized practices of public institutions in urban settings. The course reviews the legal powers of state and local government in the U.S., of cities, counties, public authorities and special districts, and of nontraditional forms of governance including principal-agent relations in the production of public services, regulatory governance, delegation of public authority to private entities, and citizen roles in governance.

PAUP 811. Urban Services Administration. 3 Credits.
Analysis of the range of administrative tools and strategies for the delivery of urban services. Emphasizes new administrative alternatives under conditions of urban change.

PAUP 812. Public Policy Formulation and Implementation. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on public policy formulation and implementation. The purpose of this course is to examine the bases upon which public policy discussions take place, both at the formulation and implementation stages of the policy process. The goal is to develop a solid understanding of theory and empirical research bearing on critical dimensions of policy and the policy process.

PAUP 813. Contemporary Public Administration Theory. 3 Credits.
The purpose of this course is to enhance the knowledge inventory of doctoral students and better prepare them for academic careers in the field of public administration in the long term. Students will be exposed to a discussion of the current literature on legitimacy issues, phenomenological issues, gender issues, and Postmodernism in public administration.

PAUP 814. Public-Private Partnerships. 3 Credits.
An in-depth analysis of the forces behind the privatization movement. Examines the context of privatization, the theoretical and empirical arguments on both sides of the debate, and the different forms of privatization practiced in the U.S. The course draws on a wide range of disciplines in a quest for an understanding of the privatization phenomenon-political science, public administration, public policy, sociology, economics, management, and others.

PAUP 817. Nonprofit Financial Management & Fundraising. 3 Credits.
This course provides students with the knowledge to become effective financial managers by giving them practical applications of theory and skill-building in fiscal processes and fundraising of nonprofit organizations.

PAUP 820. Public Personnel Administration. 3 Credits.
Examines the basic framework of the public personnel system beginning with the legal requirements imposed by federal and state laws and regulations. General considerations of policy and procedures development, the organization of the public personnel system, the adoption of the personnel ordinance, the determination of various levels of employee status and the coverage of the personnel system are included.

PAUP 821. Transportation Policy. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on surface transportation policy and planning, and highways and roads in particular. Topics include local, state and federal policies, public involvement in transportation planning, transportation and highway finance, privatization and public-private partnerships, critical issues and policy questions.

PAUP 822. Ethics in Public Administration. 3 Credits.
This course reviews the theory and application of ethics in the public sector, identifying public values and how they apply in the administration of government. It reviews sources of values employed in public sector decision-making, and reviews how values in public administration are managed and applied. Systems of professional ethics are reviewed in the context of public professions. Case studies and best practices are examined to help the student understand the application of administrative ethics in public management. Prerequisite: PADM 651.

PAUP 824. Administration of Human Services. 3 Credits.
Analysis of human services involving direct client/agency interaction. Problems of discretion and control are examined as alternative service delivery strategies which can deal with these problems.

PAUP 825. Business, Government, and Society. 3 Credits.
An overview of business-government-society interactions, with special attention to the influence of public policy and corporate strategy on corporate social responsibility. An important theme is the ethical component of management decision making. Prerequisite: six completed hours of graduate work in MBA or MPA program.

PAUP 830. Theories of Conflict Resolution and Problem Solving. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the field of alternative dispute resolution methods and problem solving. The first part of the course focuses on conflict theory at all levels of human social systems and the second part examines collaborative problem solving strategies.
PAUP 833. Legal Foundations of Public Administration. 3 Credits.
Focus on the processes of law and law application by the executive departments of government and especially the independent regulatory agencies, and their control by legislature and court. Examination of the political origins and constitutional status of administrative agencies and of administration discretion.

PAUP 834. Negotiation and Dispute Resolution. 3 Credits.
The course provides conceptual and practical skills in negotiations. It examines the underlying cultural, legal, and organizational issues and problems that affect managing human resources in the workplace.

PAUP 837. Digital Government. 3 Credits.
This course provides public administrators knowledge of current technology issues in the public sector and familiarizes them with technological tools used in delivering public services. The course explores administrative responsibility and accountability in digital government, and problems in managing technology in the public sector. Issues concerning citizen privacy, freedom of information requirements, planning, coordinating and sharing information among public sector agencies and the private sector, and building community networks are reviewed.

PAUP 838. Conflict Mediation and Arbitration. 3 Credits.
Surveys the field of third-party intervention in dispute resolution. Provides practical skills in mediation and arbitration. Examines the nature and effectiveness of mediation in a wide variety of disputes including labor relations, community, family, environmental, and international conflicts.

PAUP 845. Managing Development and Change in Public Organizations. 3 Credits.
Examination of the theory and practice of organization development. Participants will take the role of change agent and public manager and apply a range of organization development techniques to public agency situations while giving attention to the particular cultural, political, legal and organizational characteristics of public organizations.

PAUP 850. Performance Measurement and Management. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on performance-based management approaches in public and non-profit settings. It addresses the performance measurement and management process, the identification of appropriate performance measures, and the implementation of a performance measurement system, as well as managing for performance.

PAUP 853. Research and Evaluation Design. 3 Credits.
The course examines advanced research design and evaluation methods used in public administration and management research. Experimental, quasi-experimental, and non-experimental procedures in the context of urban settings will be emphasized. Includes usage of various statistical software.

PAUP 854. Advanced Public Program Evaluation. 3 Credits.

PAUP 881. Intergovernmental Relations. 3 Credits.
Analysis of relationship among federal, state, and local governmental units in the delivery of governmental programs. Focus on intergovernmental issues in urban metropolitan regions.

PAUP 890. Dissertation Seminar. 3 Credits.
A multidisciplinary seminar that focuses on the design, implementation, and evaluation of urban programs under real-life conditions in the field. Students and faculty work with urban decision makers utilizing problem-solving skills and analysis.

PAUP 895. Advanced Topics. 3 Credits.
Advanced topics in public administration.

PAUP 898. Directed Research. 1-6 Credits.
Supervised research on a specific problem. A written report is required.

PAUP 899. Dissertation. 1-12 Credits.
An approved research project, written under the supervision of a faculty advisor, in which the student demonstrates the capacity of design and completes independent applied research. The completed project must be approved by the dissertation committee.