

MPA 101 General/PNAPP cohort notes 2016

Greetings!

- Thank you for joining us.
- *so* great to see you all together, in one room, for the first time!
- Recognize your journey to get here and your dedication and willingness to do the good work to get here today.
- (131 apps) – 44% admit rate, 51 people in your cohort --we admitted you for a reason, so don't doubt it: **you belong**

A little bit more about me – my map

We have limited time today *and* I don't want to overwhelm you so will just **highlight** what we think you need to know now (“just in time” learning).

Stuff in packet:

- everyone has to complete and leave with us by end of day, either on the check in table or with your seminar faculty
 - Photo Permission (lavender)
 - Evaluation (yellow) – we hope you'll work on it bit by bit
- Other stuff – smoking areas map: we're a non smoking campus except in designated areas

Stuff to fill out if you haven't done it yet:

- Measles immunization form – we have a few -- either proof of immunization (req provider signature) – or-- waiver. Waiver = in case of outbreak, 2 weeks off. Ret form to Reg : leave with us on check in table by end of day and we'll get it to Registration on Monday.

Student Worksheet (green) – can use to frame your time here and track your progress:

- Look at the bottom: begin with the end in mind -- this is where you are headed! 60 credits is magic # to get out with your MPA
- How are you going to get there? (1) what are you going to take -- Concentration
 - Core = 36 credits – 1st year core seq + 2nd year core seq + Capstone
 - 60-36= 24: Concentration is about what you do with the remaining 24 credits
 - As a PNAPP cohort student, you can choose Public/Non-Profit Admin or Pub Policy
 - P/NPA = entire rest of 24 credits up to you = electives
 - PP = 2 concentration courses (8 credits) + remaining 16 credits open/electives
 - I get asked – “can I do both concentrations?” – Technically, no, you have to choose one concentration, **but in actuality**...
 - you have the flexibility to use your electives to take both P/NPA and PP related electives.
 - your diploma will just say MPA, so you can define your focus as you wish to the world, based on the courses you took (employer, school)
 - Electives – use them to make the degree your own! MPA, MES, contracts, transfer credits from elsewhere...
 - MPA electives basically fall into 4 categories: non-profit, policy related, tribal focused, and courses that can be useful no matter which concentration you are in

- We offer 2 credit and 4 credit electives; can take up to *6* 2 credit electives = 12 credits total
- Contracts (aka one kind of “Individual Study”)– great option, can do them beginning Winter 2017, after completing 1 qtr of core: use individual study page for contract approval process
- Up to 12 credits toward degree can be via contract; great option for flexibility, to do projects one-on-one w/faculty or go to a conference with additional work (reading, papers)
- Internship – special kind of contract: in service of “just in time” learning, will send info out about this during 1st qtr, as the soonest you can typically do an internship is Winter 2016 (after you’ve completed 1 quarter in MPA.)
 - if your admission letter specified that you needed to do an internship, need to complete 1 credit min internship = average of 5 hours/wk; up to 4 credits total can come from internships (of 12 contract credits. Do the math: 12 of 60 = all kinds of contracts; 4 of 12 = specifically internship contracts.
- How are you going to get there? (2) How fast?
 - Can go p/t or f/t, 2 years min, 6 years max.. Min credits in 1st 2 years = core = 6 credits in F/W/S. 8 credits is f/t – again, it’s a math problem: $60/8 \text{ credits} = 7.5 \text{ qtrs}$ to finish; most people take summer courses in the summer between 1st and 2nd yr OR after end of 2nd yr Spring qtr
- Can complete up to 12 credits per qtr without the MPA Director’s (Doreen’s) permission

MPA Student Handbook – on the web via a left nav link – where to look 1st when you have questions

Me:

- Contacting me –phone, email, in person all fine: re: email Evergreen is official email for all campus communication AND email address we use to email you; **best to email me from your Evergreen email account as non-E email often get trapped in the E spam filter**
- Hours: Core hours are 9:15-4:45 – some days I get in earlier, others I work later; if you need to see me before or after those hours let me know and we can make an appt. On Thursdays I can often be available before class begins at 6pm.
- you can drop by but appts are best if you want to count on seeing me as I have on and off campus meetings throughout the week (esp in Fall, as that’s recruitment time).
- 95% of the time I will respond within 48 hours; if you don’t hear from me feel welcome to check in and see why I didn’t respond and I won’t be at all offended; FYI during the busiest weeks I will be doing intensive triage but will do my best to let you know that I am “working on it” and give you a reliable response date

I know this is a lot – relax, and remember, we have a long time together, I am happy to meet with you to talk more in depth about your MPA plan or for quick questions

Hooding – again, to begin with the end in mind, eyes on the prize – for most of you, Spring 2018 graduation is where you are headed (hat & hood)

Questions?

Introduce MPA/MES Writing Asst.?

Next activity: