**MPA 2017 Student Orientation Evaluation Results**

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| Please rate these components of **Orientation**: |  |  |  | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** |
| (put an "x" in the box that corresponds to your rating) |  |  | **Poor** | **Fair** | **Good** | **Very Good** | **Excellent** |
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| Sat.: | Welcome and Introductions |   |   |   |   |   |  |  | 10 | 17 | 11 |
| Sat.: | Icebreaker |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 9 | 13 | 17 |
| Sat.: | Building a Learning Community Workshop |   |   |   |   | 7 | 15 | 15 |
| Sat.: | MPA 101 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 7 | 17 | 14 |
| Sat.: | Catered Lunch and Introductions |   |   |   |   |  2 | 10 | 13 | 13 |
| Sat.: | Financial Aid |   |   |   |   |   |  1 | 11 | 16 | 9 |
| Sat.: | Alumni Panel |   |   |   |   |   |  2 | 7 | 12 | 20 |
| Sat. | Email in a Public Environment & Wrap-up |  |  |   |   | 8 | 18 | 14 |

**What did you like BEST (#s indicate how many others mentioned same thing)**

Financial Aid breakdown was super helpful

Ability to address email stuff

Building a Learning Community Workshop 2

Alumni Panel 14

Meeting other students 1

MPA 101 6

Morning sessions were great

Ice Breaker 6

Lunch 3

Meeting people in cohort 1

All of it

Networking and cohort discussions

Welcome

Helpful information-answers to most of my questions

Staff and faculty are wonderful and so welcoming

Openness of orientation

**What could be IMPROVED (and HOW, if you have ideas)?**

A financial aid worksheet

Workshop on seminar papers

Questions to prep alumni panel

More opportunities for engagement

Combining lunch with alumni panel

Too long for one day

Give us time to prepare questions/collect thoughts BEFORE alumni panel

A bit more description of PRA (?)

Less chaotic icebreaker

Visit to parking office for permits like we did for id cards

Format not useful for meeting faculty during lunch

Add some readings or additional context on faculty’s stance on building a Learning Community Workshop

Send agenda with the notification to attend required orientation 2

More general pro tips

Financial Section-talk about how refunds works for staff members

A faculty panel

Cleaner slides during MPA 101

Half page of basic information about email instead of talk

Different room for lunch with table for conversation

IDs done at some time not during lunch

Shorten breaks so orientation could be half day

Lunch shortened

More introductions in the beginning

More time for alumni panel

Learning Community Workshop too long

Faculty introductions was unorganized

Ice breaker too forced and not comfortable for introvert

MPA 101 wanted more than 2 years at a glance or avenues to pursue…

More opportunities to connect with students with similar goals and interests

**What was MISSING that you would have liked?**

A small staff panel to talk about what some of the class expectations may be

Workshop on a seminar paper-hands on experience and immediate feedback

More small group work to get to know your peers

More standing/moving exercises in the afternoon

A bit more overview of program structure

Meet my seminar group

Outside of getting parking permit, I don’t think anything is missing

Print out of agenda

A formal discussion about the format of lecture and seminar

Invite graduates with high rank

Clarification for the length of the orientation

Understanding grading/eval structure

More info on capstone

Prep and discussion for classes on Thursday

Meeting current students

More about credits, concentrations when classes are offered and where to find it

Evergreen grading system and how you could get no credit

More details on expectations for coursework

More information on the MPA student handbook

Coffee in the afternoon

Info to help plan classes for the next 2 years 2

Fruit and pastries with morning coffee