Public Administration Course Descriptions

PA 3304 Research Methods in Public Administration (3 semester hours) Examines methods of Public Administration research. Topics include the nature of administrative inquiry, framing a research problem, choosing a research design, developing hypotheses, sampling designs, and measuring variables. Topics will be covered as students conduct their own study. Prerequisite: SOCS 3303 or STAT 1342. (3-0) Y

PA 3310 Public Administration (3 semester hours) Overview of management responsibilities, functions, and activities in government agencies within the framework of political values and organization dynamics. (Same as GOVT 3310.) (3-0) Y

PA 3312 Information Management (3 semester hours) Examines the theory and practice of managing information resources in public organizations. Includes applied microcomputer-based exercises with an administrative focus. (3-0) T

PA 3314 Financial Management (3 semester hours) Financial accounting, control, and management for efficient and effective resource use within public and nonprofit organizations. (3-0) T

PA 3333 Human Resources Management (3 semester hours) Leadership, motivation, decision making, conflict resolution, performance, and other important challenges of personnel management in government organizations. (3-0) T

PA 3335 Organizational Behavior (3 semester hours) Power, conflict, consensus, and other dynamic behaviors within and between public organizations, and between organizations and their constituents. (3-0) T

PA 3337 Managing the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex (3 semester hours) This course examines the metroplex, its physical site, its growth over time, and its current development prospects. (3-0) R

PA 4312 Organizations (3 semester hours) Study of the structures and dynamics of organizations. Examines problems of motivation, leadership, morale, networks, communications, hierarchy, control, and technology. (Same as SOC 4340. (3-0) T

PA 4313 Public Sector Economics (3 semester hours) Study of the economics of public finance, including taxation, public expenditures, and fiscal policy. Special attention to current issues such as tax reform and federal expenditure policy. Prerequisite: ECO 3310. (Same as ECO 4320.) (3-0) R

PA 4345 Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (3 semester hours) This course will introduce students to the theory and practice of negotiations in the public sector. Students will learn to analyze the parties, issues and strategies in negotiations and will take part in many negotiation simulations to develop their skills in issues identification, and problem resolution. The course will begin with the study of two-party negotiations and progress to multi-party, multi-issue negotiations. (Same as GOVT 4345.) (3-0) T

PA 4351 Urban Management (3 semester hours) Examination of ways in which the fiscal and administrative policies of local government shape the structure of opportunities and incentives in urban areas. (3-0) R

PA 4360 Ethics in Public Administration (3 semester hours) Examines the relationship between ethical choices and the decision-making of public managers. The ethics of organizational policies and public policies are also examined. (3-0) R

PA 4396 Topics in Public Administration (3 semester hours) Subject matters of current interest. Topics vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit (9 hours maximum). (3-0) R

PA 4V97 Independent Study in Public Administration (1-9 semester hours) Independent study under a faculty member's direction. May be repeated for credit. Consent of instructor required. ((1-9]-0) S

PA 4V98 Internship (1-6 semester hours) May repeat for credit up to a total of six semester credit hours. Consent of instructor required. (1[1-6]-0) S

PA 4V99 Senior Honors in Public Administration (1-6 semester hours) For students conducting independent research for honors theses or projects. May be repeated for credit, but not more than six hours may be taken by a student under this number. (1[1-6]-0) S

Interdisciplinary Studies Courses Applicable to the Major in Public Administration

ISGS 3312 Women in Management
ISSS 3351 Criminal Justice and the Community
ISSS 4361 Communications and Information
ISSS 4366 Japanese Organization and Management