

Graduate Course Descriptions

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Department of Political
Science

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Public Administration

PADM60371-001 Graduate Introduction to Public Administration Drew
CRN # 16581

This is an introductory course for all M.P.A. students. Focus is on “macro-level” understanding of government agencies: institutional context, agency-environment linkages, internal dynamics, and role in public policy.

PADM60375-001 Public Personnel Administration Bennett
CRN # 16582

This course is designed to introduce the student to the major components of a public personnel system. The focus of the course is the application of this system to a small or medium sized local government. Completing this course will not equip the student to perform as a Human Resources Director, however, the student will be exposed to the major components of a personnel system, and will learn how the individual sub-systems coalesce to provide a harmonious work environment for both the public sector and employer and employee.

PADM 60381-001 Methods in Public Administration Hawes
CRN # 16583

This course is a graduate-level introduction to statistical methods and their use in public administration.

PADM60382-001 Seminar in Public Administration Pascarella
CRN # 16584

PADM60386-001 Public Sector IT Management Kelley
CRN # 16585

PADM60471-001 Nonprofit Law Frisone
CRN # 16587

The purpose of this course is to provide students with an introduction to the legal personality of nonprofit organizations in the United States. Students will become familiar with the various types of tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code, including public charities, foundations, social welfare advocacy organizations, and private membership organizations. Students will become familiar with the basic requirements for establishing and operating a nonprofit organization, with specific attention to the requirements in the State of Ohio. Students will gain an understanding of the legal issues which impact nonprofit organizations, including the foundations for governance and management, duties and responsibilities of boards of directors, relationships with other nonprofit, for-profit and government organizations, regulation of charitable solicitation, political advocacy, recordkeeping and other emerging policy issues.

PADM60472-001 Nonprofit Board Executive Relations Burns
CRN # 16588
Successful strategies for fundraising and resource development for nonprofit organizations. Students will be exposed to fundraising in practice and will write a resource development plan.

PADM60492-001 Capstone Drew
CRN # 21288
Capstone course required for all MPA students. Students will complete an approved, written project that is analytical and research-based.

PADM60574-001 Strategic Planning Manoharan
CRN # 16590

Political Science

POL 6/70003-001 Policy Methods I Hawes
CRN# 17145/17156 (MA/PhD)

POL 6/70006-001 Foundations of Public Policy Hawes
CRN# 17146/17147 (MA/PhD)

POL 6/70101-001 Proseminar in American Policy Ensley
CRN# 17147/17158 (MA/PhD)

POL 6/70102-001 American Policy Process Johnson
CRN# 17148/17158 (MA/PhD)
This course emphasizes the politics of the policy process. Among topics covered are theories of policy formulation, implementation, and evaluation. Prerequisites: POL 6/70101 or 6/70301.

POL 6/70103-001 Congress, Presidency, and Courts Ensley
CRN# 17149/17160 (MA/PhD)

POL 6/70301-001 Proseminar in Policy Analysis and Administration Cassell
CRN# 17150/17161 (MA/PhD)
This course covers the systematic procedures for analysis of policy problems. Special attention is paid to economic concepts such as cost-benefit analysis and the role of multiple values in the policy process.

POL6/70506-001 International Political Economy and Development Policy Mazzei
CRN# 17151/17162 (MA/PhD)

POL 6/79091-001 Seminar: Public Policy Methods Coy/Hancock
CRN# 17155/17163