



Master of Public Administration

COURSE ROTATION PLAN | SUMMER 2027 to SPRING 2028

With coursework rooted in research, analytics, ethics, and leadership, Master of Public Administration (MPA) students are well equipped to thrive in public service and drive meaningful change. Versatile options—including a one-year accelerated or an executive-focused program—allow you to customize your journey to fit your career goals.

The MPA program empowers skilled, open-minded leaders ready for impactful roles in public service, from city management and policy analysis to nonprofit and emergency management leadership.

[Explore Course Descriptions in our Catalog.](#)

This document is intended to be used for planning purposes in conjunction with your degree audit and in conversations with your academic advisors. Some courses may have required prerequisites that must be completed prior to enrollment. Please confirm course schedule and requirements by contacting spa.gradadvising@ucdenver.edu. Prospective students, please contact spa.admissions@ucdenver.edu.

SUMMER 2027

Course #	Name	Modality
PUAD 5001	Intro to Public Admin and Public Service	Online
PUAD 5004	Economics and Public Finance	Online
PUAD 5005	The Policy Process and Democracy	Online
PUAD 5006	Public Service Leadership and Ethics	Online
PUAD 5008	Evidence-Based Decision-Making	Online
PUAD 5130	Collaboration Across Sectors	Online
PUAD 5170	Strategic Management for Nonprofit and Public Managers	Online
PUAD 5303	Applied Research I: Design & Methods	Online
PUAD 5304	Applied Research II: Quant Data & Analysis	Online
PUAD 6600	Special Topics: AI-Ready Public Administrator	Online

Course #	Name	Modality
HOUS 6410	Multi-Sector Housing Partnerships	Remote
PUAD 5001	Intro to Public Admin and Public Service	Online; In-Person; Remote
PUAD 5002	Organizational Management and Behavior	Online; Remote
PUAD 5004	Economics and Public Finance	Online; Remote
PUAD 5005	The Policy Process and Democracy	Online; In-Person
PUAD 5006	Public Service Leadership and Ethics	In-Person
PUAD 5008	Evidence-Based Decision-Making	Online
PUAD 5110	Seminar in Nonprofit Management	Remote
PUAD 5120	Nonprofits and Public Policy	Remote
PUAD 5140	Nonprofit Financial Management	Online
PUAD 5155	Interpersonal Violence	Online
PUAD 5160	Nonprofit Boards and Executive Leadership	Online
PUAD 5180	Social Entrepreneurship	Online
PUAD 5210	Education Finance	Online
PUAD 5271	Managing Organizational Change	Online
PUAD 5290	Comparative Public Administration	In-Person
PUAD 5303	Applied Research I: Design & Methods	Online; Remote
PUAD 5304	Applied Research II: Quant Data & Analysis	Online
PUAD 5320	Public Policy Analysis	Online
PUAD 5330	Quantitative Methods I/Intermediate Statistical Analysis	In-Person

Course #	Name	Modality
PUAD 5350	Program Evaluation	Online
PUAD 5361	MPA Capstone	Independent Study
PUAD 5380	Public Participation, Political Equity and Government	In-Person
PUAD 5440	Negotiation and Conflict Resolution	Online; Remote
PUAD 5503	Public Budgeting and Finance	Hybrid
PUAD 5560	Corruption, Democracy, and Public Policy	Online
PUAD 5626	Local Government Politics and Policy	Remote
PUAD 5631	Seminar in Environmental Politics and Policy	Online
PUAD 5638	Colorado Politics, Policy, and Administration	In-Person
PUAD 5650	Security Policies, Strategies, and Operations	Online
PUAD 5655	Principles of Emergency Management	Online

Course #	Name	Modality
HOUS 6415	Governance for Affordable Housing	Online
PUAD 5001	Intro to Public Admin and Public Service	Online; In-Person
PUAD 5002	Organizational Management and Behavior	In-Person
PUAD 5004	Economics and Public Finance	In-Person
PUAD 5005	The Policy Process and Democracy	In-Person; Online; Remote
PUAD 5006	Public Service Leadership and Ethics	Online; Remote
PUAD 5007	Qualitative Research	In-Person
PUAD 5008	Evidence-Based Decision-Making	Online
PUAD 5110	Seminar in Nonprofit Management	Online
PUAD 5130	Collaboration Across Sectors	Remote
PUAD 5150	Fundraising & Financial Resource Development	Remote
PUAD 5200	Education Policy	Online
PUAD 5220	Human Resource and Talent Management	Online
PUAD 5260	Managing for Social Equity	Online
PUAD 5303	Applied Research I: Design and Methods	Online; In-Person
PUAD 5304	Applied Research II: Quant Data & Analysis	In-Person; Online; Remote
PUAD 5310	Principles of Policy Design	Remote
PUAD 5320	Public Policy Analysis	In-Person
PUAD 5361	MPA Capstone	Independent Study

Course #	Name	Modality
PUAD 5420	Law and Public Policy	Online
PUAD 5460	Political Advocacy	Online
PUAD 5503	Public Budgeting and Finance	Online; Remote
PUAD 5600	International and Global Organizations	Online
PUAD 5625	Local Government Management	Remote
PUAD 5628	Social Problems and Policies	In-Person
PUAD 5632	Seminar in Environmental Management	Online
PUAD 5720	Public Policies for Hazards and Disasters	Online
PUAD 5740	Sustainable Energy Policy	Online
PUAD 5930	Interpersonal Violence Law and Policy	Online

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Understanding Course Modalities

Choosing the right course modality can help you learn in the environment that best fits your schedule, preferences, and learning style. At the School of Public Affairs, courses are offered in four primary formats:

In-Person	100% of instruction is delivered face-to-face You'll attend class on campus and interact face-to-face with instructors and classmates.
Independent Study	No traditional face-to-face classroom attendance is required. Students work primarily independently under the general supervision and guidance of the instructor.
Hybrid	Most of the course is in-person, with some online components (asynchronous and/or Zoom). You'll experience a mix of in-person and online work. Some classes meet on campus; other classes may include videos, Canvas modules, or Zoom sessions.
Remote	Attend class live via Zoom during scheduled times—no in-person meetings; may have some asynchronous instructional delivery. You'll join live class Zoom sessions at set times. These sessions are interactive and count as your "class time."
Online	100% of the course is delivered asynchronously online; no set class meetings. You'll complete the course material on your own schedule each week. While there are no live meetings, weekly deadlines and active participation (e.g., discussion posts) are expected.