

JOHN GLENN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MPA-DC Sample 2-Year Program Plan

Autumn Year 1	Spring Year 1	Summer (optional)
PUBAFRS 6000: Public Policy Formulation and Implementation (4)	PUBAFRS 6010: Legal Environment of Public Organizations (4)	OPTIONS: Elective (3 credits each) Optional Skills Courses (1 credit each)
PUBAFRS 6030: Public Sector Economics (4)	*PUBAFRS 6040: Public Budgeting & Finance (4)	
PUBAFRS 6070: Public Affairs Statistics (4)	*PUBAFRS 6080: Public Affairs Program Evaluation (4)	
PUBAFRS 6500: (Required Skills Course): Written & Oral Communication (2)	PUBAFRS 5545: Make a Difference in Washington (1)	
PUBAFRS 6540: Professional Development (1)	Elective (3)	

Autumn Year 2	Spring Year 2
PUBAFRS 6050: Managing Public Sector Organizations (4)	PUBAFRS 6060: Managerial Leadership in Public and Nonprofit Organizations (4)
PUBAFRS 7600: Federal Policy and Administration (3)	PUBAFRS 7980: MPA-DC Capstone (3)
PUBAFRS 6545: Washington Navigator (1)	Elective (3)
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TOTAL CREDITS: 52 (Required)

SPECIAL NOTES:

Students may take Skills Courses and Electives in any order, but must take **5 credits of Skills Classes** and **12 credits of Electives**. MPA students are not permitted to take PUBAFRS 5060, 5062, 6045, 6051, 6055, or 6075.

The MPA program is an accredited, in-person, professional master’s degree program. Students must complete a majority of their coursework in-person to align with accreditation standards. Students are highly recommended to take no more than one core or elective course online per term, and availability of online coursework is not guaranteed.

Both PUBAFRS 6040 and PUBAFRS 6080 have pre-requisites as follows:

- PUBAFRS 6030 before PUBAFRS 6040
- PUBAFRS 6070 before PUBAFRS 6080

This plan is designed as a sample program plan for a typical, full-time MPA student who wants to complete the program in two years. The spring-start plan, part-time plan, or ¾ time plan for MPA students may vary each year.



MPA Course Requirement Overview

Core Requirements (32 credits)

PUBAFRS 6000: Public Policy Formulation and Implementation (4)
PUBAFRS 6010: Legal Environment of Public Organizations (4)
PUBAFRS 6030: Public Sector Economics (4)
PUBAFRS 6040: Public Budgeting and Finance (4)
(Pre-requisite: 6030)

PUBAFRS 6050: Managing Public Sector Organizations (4)
PUBAFRS 6060: Managerial Leadership in Public and Nonprofit Organizations(4)
PUBAFRS 6070: Public Affairs Statistics (4)
PUBAFRS 6080: Public Affairs Program Evaluation (4)(Pre-requisite: 6070)

Skills Courses (5 credits)

REQUIRED

PUBAFRS 6500: Written and Oral Communication (2)
PUBAFRS 6540: Professional Development (1)
PUBAFRS 5545: Make a Difference in Washington (1)
PUBAFRS 6545: Washington Navigator (1)

OPTIONAL

PUBAFRS 5513: Excel Basic Skills (1)
PUBAFRS 5514: Excel Advanced Skills (1)
PUBAFRS 6505: Governmental Accounting (1)
PUBAFRS 6510: Conveying Quantitative Data in Public Affairs (1)
PUBAFRS 6515: Database Management (1)
PUBAFRS 6520: Balanced Scorecards and Dashboards (1)
PUBAFRS 6525: Survey Design (1)
PUBAFRS 6890: Special Topics Skills (1)

Capstone Course (3 credits)

PUBAFRS 7980: MPA-DC Capstone (3)

Elective Courses (12 Credits)

REQUIRED

PUBAFRS 7600: Federal Policy and Administration (3)

CHOOSE ANY 3: **Elective Courses may be offered in the following topics (may vary each semester):**

Energy Policy & the Environment
Economic Development & Education
Strategy for Public Organization
Managing Innovation & Change
Nonprofit Management and Governance
Performance Management
Criminal Justice Policy
Juvenile Justice System Policy
Policy and Strategy in the Nonprofit Sector

Contract Management
Dispute Resolution
Higher Education Policy
Science & Technology Policy
Wicked Policy Problems
Workforce Planning
Project Management
Public Management Information Systems
Multivariate Data Analysis

Inspiring Citizenship, Developing

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Capital Budgeting and Capital Markets
Fundraising and Philanthropy
Lobbying & Government Relations
Research Project Privatization

Policy Simulation & Modeling
Government Accounting and Financial Management
Nonprofit Financial Management
Regulation and Deregulation