



VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
2008 - 2009 SCHEDULE OF COURSES
DOCTOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (DPA) PROGRAM

The following tentative schedule of courses is offered Through WebCT Vista. Both matriculating and continuing DPA students must fulfill certain residency requirements each fall and spring semester while registered in the program. Students will be expected to attend a series of seminars and meetings over a two-day intensive period scheduled on a Friday and Saturday at the beginning of the semester on the main VSU campus. Each student is to identify an area of concentration no later than upon completion of 18 hours of coursework. This schedule shows **only** those online courses available each semester for a concentration in local government management. Students will work with their advisor to determine an appropriate concentration. All courses for concentration areas cannot be shown in this schedule.

Summer 2008: May 8-July 29

PADM 7300 IA, Foundations Seminar in Public Administration	Dr. Mandi Bailey
PADM 7110 IA, Information Management	Dr. Gerald A. Merwin
PADM 7190 IA, Special Topics (Public Policy Formation)	Dr. Nolan J. Argyle
PADM 7250 IA, Managing Small Cities and Counties	Dr. Nolan J. Argyle
PADM 7090 IA, Policy Analysis	Dr. Robert T. Aldinger

Fall 2008: August 18 – December 8

Orientation/Residency Weekend: August 22-23, 2007

PADM 9000 IA, Administration and Government	Dr. Daniel Baracska ¹
PADM 9030 IA, Logic of Inquiry in Public Administration ²	Dr. Nolan J. Argyle
PADM/SOCI 9070 IA, Culture of Formal Work Organizations	Dr. Ginger Mascheski ³
PADM/PSYCH 9050 IA, Program Evaluation	Dr. Gerald A. Merwin
PADM 7380 IA/IB, Politics of Managing Urban Areas	Dr. Daniel Baracska
PADM 7040 IA, Non-Profit Management	Staff
PADM 7370 IA/IB, Comparative Public Policy	Dr. Carol M. Glen

Spring 2009: January 12 – May 4

Orientation/Residency Weekend: January 11-12, 2008

PADM 9010 IA, Financial Management for Public and Non-Governmental Organizations	Dr. Nolan J. Argyle
PADM 9040 IA, Research Methods in Public Administration	Dr. Daniel Baracska
PADM 9020 IA, Managing Human Resources in Public & NGO	Staff
PADM 9060 IA, Information and Data Management	Dr. Gerald A. Merwin
PADM 7000 IA/IB, Human Resource Management	Dr. Daniel Baracska
PADM 7140 IA/IB, Governmental Budgeting and Finance	Dr. Robert T. Aldinger
PADM 7360 IA/IB, Planning and Implementing Electronic Government	Dr. Gerald A. Merwin

¹ Recommended for first-year students.

² Required for all beginning students.

³ Recommended for on-going students.

Two Year Course Cycle

All required courses will be offered on a two-year cycle. A student taking a full-time schedule (9 hours per semester) may complete all required course work except the capstone/final project in a two-year period. Students going part time may use the two-year cycle to plan their program of study. A two-year course cycle is shown below.

Fall Year 1:

PADM 9000 Administration and Government
PADM 9030 Logic of Inquiry in Public Administration
Concentration/Guided Elective 9 hours

Spring Year 1:

PADM 9010 Financial Management for Public and Non-Governmental Organizations
PADM 9040 Research Methods in Public Administration (pre-requisite for PADM/PSYC 9050)
Concentration/Guided Elective 9 hours

Summer Year 1:

Concentration/Guided Elective
Concentration/Guided Elective
Concentration/Elective 9 hours

Fall Year 2:

PADM 9020 Managing Human Resources in Public and Non-Governmental Organizations
PADM/PSYC 9050 Program Evaluation
Concentration/Guided Elective 9 hours

Spring Year 2:

PADM 9060 Information and Data Management
PADM/SOCI 9070 Culture of Formal Work Organizations
Concentration/Guided Elective 9 hours

Total: 45 hours

Students will take PADM 9990, Capstone Seminar, during their last semester of regular course work. Students will have their final project prospectus and committee approved at part of PADM 9990. PADM 9999, Final Project/Organizational Analysis will result in a dissertation-quality applied research project.