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SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
University of Colorado Denver

DOCTORAL CORE COURSES

PAD 8010 HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE FOUNDATIONS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

An overview course on developments and changes in public administration as a field of study; this course will examine how public administration has evolved and is defined, practiced, studied and taught. Entering students with no previous public administration coursework will be required to have had at least the equivalent of an introductory course in public administration before enrolling in PAD 8010.

PAD 8020 DOCTORAL SEMINAR ON PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

Generally, students should take this course in their first year of doctoral study. This seminar offers an in-depth examination of contemporary literature, concepts and theories of public management. Current issues and research problems are emphasized to prepare students for their advanced research. Students are expected to have completed a master's level class in public management (or its equivalent) prior to taking this class.

PAD 8030 DOCTORAL SEMINAR ON PUBLIC POLICY

This first-year seminar offers an in-depth examination of contemporary literature, concepts and theories of public policy. Current issues and research problems are emphasized to prepare students for their advanced research. Students are expected to have completed a master's level class in public policy (or its equivalent) prior to taking this class.

PAD 8040 CRITICAL ISSUES FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Students should take this course in the second year of their doctoral studies. This seminar identifies and examines emerging topics of public administration, policy, and management in which additional research and theory are critically needed. The intent is to help students understand a wider range of approaches to public affairs. PAD 8010, PAD 8020, and PAD 8030 are generally pre-requisites for this class.

PAD 8060 DOCTORAL SEMINAR ON THE CONDUCT OF EMPIRICAL INQUIRY

This is the first course of a two-course sequence for advanced social science research. These classes examine a range of issues and approaches used in the study of public affairs. They explore philosophical and technical issues as well as methods relevant to public affairs research. Prerequisites include PAD 8010, 8020, and 8030; students are strongly urged to have at least one of their methodological competency courses as well. Normally, 8070 is taken as one of the last classes of the doctoral coursework.

PAD 8070 DOCTORAL SEMINAR ON ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS

This is the second course of a two-course sequence for advanced social science research. These classes examine a range of issues and approaches used in the study of public affairs. They explore philosophical and technical issues as well as methods relevant to public affairs research. Prerequisites include PAD 8010, 8020, and 8030; students are strongly urged to have at least one of their methodological competency courses as well. Normally, 8070 is taken as one of the last classes of the doctoral coursework.