

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ADVISING CALENDAR: A GUIDE FOR MAJORS

FIRST & SECOND SEMESTERS

1. Meet with the Freshmen Advisor (Department Head) once each semester.
2. Attend the Freshmen Advising Meeting in the Spring.
3. Use the Program of Study on MyUniverse to plot out your course schedule for the remaining semesters.
4. Join the Political Science Society to meet other majors!
5. Concentrate your efforts on completing the Liberal Arts Core requirements.
6. Take Introduction to American Politics (942:014) your first semester and Scope and Methods of Political Science (940:010) or Introduction to Public Administration your second semester.
7. Declare your major in Public Administration and choose a focus area in your second semester.

THIRD & FOURTH SEMESTERS

1. Meet with your new advisor at least once each semester.
2. Explore the accelerated Masters in Public Policy. Contact Prof. Allen Hays with any questions.
3. Begin exploring career options. Consult the department's "Careers in Political Science", talk to your advisor, schedule an appointment with the Career Services Office.
4. Explore possible minors, including those in political science, business, or other social science disciplines.
5. Complete your Liberal Arts Core requirements (except Capstone).
6. Take Introduction to Quantitative Methods (940:111) and/or Introduction to Public Administration (942:048), and other required courses. Also take a course from your focus area.

FIFTH AND SIXTH SEMESTERS

1. Meet with your advisor each semester.
2. Explore internship opportunities for next year or the upcoming summer by meeting with the Internship coordinator, Prof. Michael Licari.
3. Explore conference or project opportunities offered by the State and Local Government program.
4. For those interested in pursuing graduate studies in Public Administration after graduation from UNI (MPA, MPP and/or PhD), explore requirements of different programs by consulting advisor and visiting school websites.
5. Complete major required courses and at least two focus area courses.
6. Take at least two university elective courses each semester.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH SEMESTERS

1. Meet with your advisor each semester.
2. Complete university electives, capstone requirement, any remaining major elective courses or focus area courses.
3. Complete internship requirement.
4. For those entering the job market, meet with the Career Services Office and attend their job fair. Research opportunities on the web and check with advisor regarding job opportunities.
5. For those applying to graduate programs, consult with your advisor in the fall to help select programs that meet your needs and assist in the application process.