

2009-2010 MPA Program Academic Calendar University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

FALL SEMESTER 2009

REVISED: 8/18/2009

NOTE: Five special lectures will be scheduled in 2009-10. Students should attend all five lectures, but as a requirement for PUBA 745/746, you must attend at least **FOUR**.

Pertains To
1st Yrs 2nd Yrs Faculty

August			
21	1st Year Students —Orientation, 8:00am - 5:00pm, Room 3301, School of Gov., Knapp-Sanders Building	✓	
24	2nd Year Students —Transition Retreat, 8:45 - 4:30 pm; UNC-CH Graduate School's Graduate Student Center, 211 W. Cameron Avenue		✓
25	Classes Begin	✓	✓
29	Saturday Picnic sponsored by MPA Alumni Association, 6:00 pm; in the dining room of the SOG	✓	✓
31	MPA Faculty Meeting – 12:00 Noon - 1:30 pm, Room 3301; lunch provided		✓
September			
4	Presidential Management Fellows information meeting. Brown bag lunch, 12:00 - 1:30 pm, Room 2401.		✓
7	Labor Day Holiday; no classes held	✓	✓
10	2nd Year Students --Deadline for Capstone chair and committee requests. (Submit request to Manager on "MPA Capstone Paper Report Form" by Noon)		✓
13-16	International City/County Management Assoc. (ICMA) Conference, Montreal, Canada. "www.icma.org"		
22	LECTURE # 1: SOG Dean Michael Smith will provide a history of the School of Government, 4:00 -5:00 pm, Room 2603	✓	✓
30-Oct. 3	Southeast Conference on Public Administration (SECOPA), Louisville, KY. "www.secopa.org"		
October			
5	MPA Faculty Meeting, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Room 3301		✓
TBA	LECTURE # 2:	✓	✓
8	2nd Year Students —Deadline for Faculty Committees' review and approval of capstone proposals. (Submit results of committee review to Manager on "MPA Capstone Paper Report Form.")		✓
12	University Day	✓	✓
15-17	National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) Annual Conference, Arlington, VA. "www.naspaa.org"		
21-25	Fall Break (begins at 5:00 pm on the 21st and classes resume at 8:00 am on the 26th)	✓	✓

		Pertains To		
		1st Yrs	2nd Yrs	Faculty
November				
2	MPA Faculty Meeting, 9:00 -10:30 am, Room 3104			✓
6	2008 Conference on Public Administration , School of Government	✓	✓	✓
6	LECTURE #3: Deil Wright Lecture: 9:45 - 10:45 am, Room 2603. Dr. Patricia Wallace Ingraham is a public policy expert and Founding Dean of the College of Community and Public Affairs at Binghamton	✓	✓	✓
25-29	Thanksgiving Break (no classes on Wed.-Fri., 11/25-27 ; classes resume at 8:00 am on Nov. 30th.)	✓	✓	✓

December				
4	MPA Student/Faculty/Staff Holiday Party (planned by 2nd Year Students); details to follow later.	✓	✓	✓
7	MPA Faculty Meeting, 9:00-10:30 am, Room 3104			✓
TBA	2nd Year Students – Placement Seminar		✓	
9	Classes End			
TBA	1st Year Students -- Placement Seminar. Carl Stenberg will discuss what the MPA Program looks for in an internship and how we can help.	✓		
10	MPA Class Make-up Day	✓	✓	✓
11-18	Exams			

SPRING SEMESTER 2010

January				
1	New Year's Holiday			
4	MPA Faculty Meeting, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Room 3104			✓
6,7,8	1st Year Students —Assessment Center; details to be announced during fall semester.	✓		
11	First Day of Classes	✓	✓	✓
18	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	✓	✓	✓

February

February is **Job Fair Month**. Interviews for internships will be scheduled on Mondays and Fridays in order to protect class times. Students will be informed of details during the Fall Semester.

Pertains To
1st Yrs 2nd Yrs Faculty

1	MPA Faculty Meeting, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Room 3104			✓
3-5	North Carolina City/County Management Association (NCCCMA) Meeting, Sheraton Imperial, RTP	✓	✓	✓
4	Alumni Event/Breakfast during NCCCMA Conference; details to follow later	✓	✓	✓
12	2nd Year Students -- Deadline for meeting with Capstone Committee on paper progress. (A “near-final” draft of your paper should be finished by now.) Submit to Program Manager title of capstone paper and 90-word description of paper for conference brochure.		✓	
12	May Graduates: Application for Graduation due; must apply online prior to this date for departmental approval.		✓	
12-13	Admissions Interviews			✓
TBA	LECTURE # 4:	✓	✓	✓
26-27	Admissions Interviews			✓

March

1	MPA Faculty Meeting, 9:00 - 10:00 am, Room 3104			✓
5-14	Spring Break (begins at 5:00 pm on the 5th and classes resume at 8:00 am on the 15th)	✓	✓	✓
26	2nd Year Students —Pre-conference Defense with Faculty Committee must be conducted NO LATER THAN MARCH 26 . If project does not have faculty approval by this date, graduation will be postponed until August. (Submit results of Defense to Manager on “Graduate School’s Comprehensive Exam Form. ”)		✓	

April

TBA	1st Year Students —Internship Preparation, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Room 2321	✓		
TBA	2nd Year Students —MPA Capstone Papers (Final Version) due to Manager by NOON		✓	
2	Good Friday Holiday			
5	MPA Faculty Meeting, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Room 3104			✓
9-13	American Society for Public Administrators (ASPA) Conference, San Jose, CA. "www.aspanet.org"			
TBA	LECTURE # 5:	✓	✓	✓
15-16	2nd Year Students —The Capstone Conference on Practical Research for Public Officials, Room 2601	✓	✓	✓
23	END OF SEMESTER PICNIC —Friday, 5:30 pm - until. Games/food; dinner at 6:00 pm. Traditionally the 1 st Year students organize the picnic to honor the graduating students. Location: Eight Willows (Cobles') Farm, Eli Whitney, NC	✓	✓	✓
28	Last Day of Classes			
29	MPA Class Make-up Day	✓	✓	✓
30 to 5/7	Exams April 29 - May 7			

<i>May</i>		Pertains To		
		1st Yrs	2nd Yrs	Faculty
3	MPA Faculty Meeting, 9:00 - 10:30 am, Room 3104. Site visits assigned at this meeting.			✓
7	Exams End			
Sat, 5/8	2nd Year Students -- MPA Graduation Ceremony and Luncheon, 11:00 am		✓	✓
Sun, 5/9	2nd Year Students -- UNC Commencement, 9:30 am		✓	✓

MAY – AUGUST SUMMER INTERNSHIPS		✓		
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FALL SEMESTER 2010

<i>August</i>				
20	1st Year Students -- Orientation, 8:30 -- 5:00	✓		
23	2nd Year Students -- Transition Retreat, 8:45 - 4:00 pm		✓	
24	First day of classes	✓	✓	✓

<i>November</i>				
5	2010 Conference on Public Administration	✓	✓	✓