

2008-2009 MPA Program Academic Calendar University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

FALL SEMESTER 2008

REVISED: 9/16/2008

NOTE: Five special lectures will be scheduled in 2008-09. 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			
14	1st Year Students —Orientation, Room 3301, School of Government, Knapp-Sanders Building	✓	
18	2nd Year Students —Transition Retreat, 8:45 - 4:00 pm; UNC-CH Graduate School's Graduate Student Center, 211 W. Cameron Avenue		✓
19	Classes Begin	✓	✓
23	Saturday Picnic sponsored by MPA Alumni Association, 6:00 pm; on the lawn of the SOG	✓	✓
25	MPA Faculty Meeting – 12:00 Noon - 1:30 pm, Room 3301 ; lunch provided		✓

September			
1	Labor Day Holiday; no classes held	✓	✓
2	2nd Year Students --Deadline for Capstone chair and committee requests. (Submit request to Manager on "MPA Capstone Paper Report Form" by Noon)		✓
18	LECTURE # 1: SOG Dean Michael Smith will provide an overview of the programs and activities of the School of Government, 4:00 pm, Room 2603	✓	✓
21-24	International City/County Management Assoc. (ICMA) Conference, Richmond, VA. "www.icma.org"		
30	Presidential Management Fellows information meeting, 12:30 - 1:30, Room 3301		✓
24-27	Southeast Conference on Public Administration (SECOPA), Orlando, FL. "www.secopa.org"		

October			
6	MPA Faculty Meeting, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Room 3301		✓
9	LECTURE # 2: Anton (Tony) Wohlers, Cameron University, Lawton, OK; 3:30 pm, Room 2601	✓	✓
10	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 (Sunday)	✓	✓
16-17	Fall Break (begins at 5:00 pm on the 15th and classes resume at 8:00 am on the 20th)	✓	✓
15-17	Asheville, NC Field Trip; details to follow later.	✓	✓

		Pertains To		
		1st Yrs	2nd Yrs	Faculty
November				
3	MPA Faculty Meeting, 9:00 -10:30 am, Room 3104			✓
6-7	2008 Conference on Public Administration , School of Government	✓	✓	✓
7	LECTURE #3: Deil Wright Lecture, James Svara, 9:00 - 10:00, Room TBA	✓	✓	✓
26-30	Thanksgiving Break (no classes on Wed.-Fri., 11/26-28 ; classes resume at 8:00 am on Dec. 1st.)	✓	✓	✓

December				
1	MPA Faculty Meeting, 9:00-10:30 am, Room 3104			✓
3	2nd Year Students – Placement Seminar, 11:50 am – 1:00 pm, Room 3301(lunch will be served)		✓	
3	Classes End			
4	1st Year Students -- Placement Seminar. Carl Stenberg will discuss what the MPA Program looks for in an internship and how we can help; 11:50 am - 1:00 pm, Room 3301(lunch will be served)	✓		
4	MPA Class Make-up Day	✓	✓	✓
5	MPA Student/Faculty/Staff Holiday Party (planned by 2nd Year Students); details to follow later.	✓	✓	✓
5-12	Exams			

SPRING SEMESTER 2009

January				
1	New Year's Holiday			
5	MPA Faculty Meeting, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Room 3104			✓
7,8,9	1st Year Students —Assessment Center; details to be announced during fall semester.	✓		
12	First Day of Classes	✓	✓	✓
19	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

2	MPA Faculty Meeting, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Room 3104			✓
4-6	North Carolina City/County Management Association (NCCCMA) Meeting, Sheraton Imperial, RTP	✓	✓	✓
5	Alumni Event/Breakfast during NCCCMA Conference; details to follow later	✓	✓	✓
13	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.		✓	
13	May Graduates: Application for Graduation due. Submit to Program Manager		✓	
13-14	Admissions Interviews			✓
17	LECTURE # 4: Intergovernmental Transportation Panel (5 panelists), 2:00 pm, Room TBA	✓	✓	✓
27-28	Admissions Interviews			✓

March

2	MPA Faculty Meeting, 9:00 - 10:00 am, Room 3104			✓
6-15	Spring Break (begins at 5:00 pm on the 6th and classes resume at 8:00 am on the 16th)	✓	✓	✓
20-24	American Society for Public Administrators (ASPA) Conference, Miami, FL. "www.aspanet.org"			
27	2nd Year Students —Pre-conference Defense with Faculty Committee must be conducted NO LATER THAN MARCH 27. (Submit results of Defense to Manager on “Graduate School’s Comprehensive Exam Form.”)		✓	

April

2	1st Year Students —Internship Preparation, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Room 2321	✓		
3	2nd Year Students —MPA Capstone Papers (Final Version) due to Manager by NOON		✓	
6	MPA Faculty Meeting, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Room 3104			✓
10	Good Friday Holiday			
TBA	LECTURE # 5:	✓	✓	✓
16-17	2nd Year Students —The Capstone Conference on Practical Research for Public Officials, Room 2601	✓	✓	✓
17	2nd Year Students Capstone Banquet; details to follow later.		✓	
24	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	✓	✓	✓
27	Last Day of Classes			
28	MPA Class Make-up Day	✓	✓	✓
29 to 5/7	Exams April 29 - May 7			

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

MAY – AUGUST SUMMER INTERNSHIPS		✓		
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FALL SEMESTER 2009

<i>August</i>				
21	1st Year Students -- Orientation, 8:30 -- 5:00	✓		
24	2nd Year Students -- Transition Retreat, 8:45 - 4:00 pm		✓	
25	First day of classes	✓	✓	✓

<i>November</i>				
5 & 6	2009 Conference on Public Administration	✓	✓	✓