Attendance & Dress Code Policies

**MPA students** are required to attend all sessions, and will receive 1 hour of academic credit in the fall semester, which is required for graduation. Attendance will be taken at all sessions. The MPA Socialization Seminar is a three-day event structured to orient new students to the MPA program, Department, University, and Athens community.

The graduate programs in the Department of Public Administration & Policy at UGA are professional degree programs; therefore, we expect everyone attending socialization seminar sessions to be dressed accordingly. If you have any questions regarding the attendance or dress code policies, please contact Rebecca Blakeney at rebecca.blakeney@uga.edu or (706)542-9660.

**DAY 1 – Wednesday, August 7th**

8:00 - 8:30  Registration and Continental Breakfast (provided), room 285

8:30 - 9:00  Welcome Remarks

9:00 - 10:00  Introduction and Public Service Value Discussion

10:00 - 10:30  Break

10:30 - 12:00  Orientation to the Program Followed by Q&A

12:00 - 1:15  Lunch (provided)

1:15 - 1:45  Academic Honesty & Integrity

1:45 - 2:30  Cultural Competency & Diversity

2:30 - 2:45  Break

2:45 - 3:30  Reflection on *Can Government Do Anything Right?*

3:30 - 5:00  Community Leader Panel
DAY 2 – Thursday, August 8th

8:00 - 8:15  Continental Breakfast (provided), room 285
8:15 - 9:00  Professional Skills
9:00 - 10:00  Health & Wellness in Graduate School
10:00 - 10:30  Break
10:30 - 11:45  Alumni Panel
11:45 - 1:00  Lunch (provided)
1:00 - 3:00  Ethics Seminar
3:00 - 3:45  Library and Online Resources
3:45 - 4:00  Break
4:00 - 4:30  Career Services
4:30 - 5:00  Orientation to Athens and Service Projects
5:00 - 5:30  Q&A Session

DAY 3 - Saturday, August 10th

8:00 - 12:00  Community Service Projects

Students will be assigned to work on a community-based project in Athens.

Please note: the service work may be performed outdoors; it will be hot and you should expect to get dirty; wear breathable clothing, closed-toe shoes, pre-apply sunscreen, and bring lots of water.

Alternative service work will be arranged for individuals with limited mobility. Please contact Melody Herrington via email (melodyh@uga.edu) or phone (706-542-3510) by August 1, 2019 to make this request.

12:30 - 2:00  Lunch & Reflection on Project (provided), 285 UGA Special Collections Library

*All incoming students will be advised for Fall classes on August 9th, 12th, and 13th.