

**SCHEDULE FOR DEPARTMENTAL ORIENTATION
AND MPA SOCIALIZATION SEMINAR
Special Collections Libraries, Room 285
(300 S. Hull Street Athens, Georgia 30602)
Schedule as of July 29, 2019**

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.**