SCHEDULE FOR DEPARTMENTAL ORIENTATION
AND MPA SOCIALIZATION SEMINAR
Special Collections Libraries, Room 285
(300 S. Hull Street Athens, Georgia 30602)
Schedule as of June 29, 2021

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 (706) 542-9660.

DAY 1 –Monday, August 9, 2021

8:00 - 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast (provided), room 285
8:30 - 9:15 Welcome Remarks
9:15 - 10:15 Introduction and Public Service Value Discussion
10:15 - 10:45 Break
10:45 - 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 Library and Online Resources
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 – Tuesday, August 10

8:15 – 9:00  Continental Breakfast (provided), room 285
9:00 – 10:00  Professional Skills
10:00 – 10:30  Career Services
10:30 - 10:45  Break
10:45 – 12:00  Alumni Panel
12:00 - 1:00  Lunch (provided)
1:00 – 2:00  Engaging A Diverse Workforce and Public
2:00 – 2:45  Health and Wellness
2:45 – 3:00  Break
3:00 – 4:00  Writing Exercise
4:00 – 4:30  Orientation to Athens and Service Projects
4:30 – 5:00  Advising / Q&A