

**SCHEDULE FOR DEPARTMENTAL ORIENTATION
AND MPA SOCIALIZATION SEMINAR
PADP 6980**

**Special Collections Library, Room 285
(300 S. Hull Street, Athens, Georgia)**

Attendance & Dress Code Policies

MPA students are required to attend all sessions and must enroll in PADP 6980 (1 credit hour) during the fall semester. The Socialization Seminar credit 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: Tuesday, August 8, 2023

- 8:00 - 8:30** **Registration and Morning Refreshments, Room 277**
A photographer will be present to take professional head shots for all incoming MPA students. Please plan to arrive on time in order to complete your registration and picture before our 8:30 AM start.
- 8:30 - 9:15** **Welcome Remarks**
*Dr. Matthew Auer, Dean of School of Public and International Affairs
Georgia Students for Public Administration (GSPA)
International City/County Management Association (ICMA)
Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Student Chapter*
- 9:15 - 10:15** **Introduction and Public Service Value Discussion**
Dr. Eric Zeemering, MPA Director
- 10:15 - 10:45** **Break**
- 10:45 - 12:00** **Orientation to the MPA Program**
Dr. Eric Zeemering, MPA Director
- 12:00 - 1:15** **Lunch** (provided), room 277
Faculty and staff from the Department of Public Administration and Policy will join students for lunch.
- 1:15 - 2:15** **Library and Online Resources**
Elizabeth White, Library
- 2:15 - 3:00** **Health and Wellness**
Kelly Truesdale, University Health Center
- 3:00 - 3:30** **Break**

3:30 - 4:30 Community Leaders Panel

4:30 - 5:00 Orientation to Athens Service Projects & Volunteering in the MPA Program

DAY 2: Wednesday, August 9

8:15 - 9:00 Morning Refreshments, Room 277

The photographer will be available to take pictures of students unable to have their picture taken on Monday. A group photo will be taken at 8:45 AM. Please be present to participate.

9:00 - 10:00 Professional Skills

Hardin Watkins, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

10:00 - 10:30 MPA Mentor Initiative

Dr. Lillian T. Eby, Industrial-Organizational Psychology Program

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 12:00 Alumni Panel

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (provided), room 277

1:00 - 2:00 Engaging a Diverse Workforce and Public

L. Randolph Carter, Director of Diversity and Inclusion and Deputy Chief Diversity Officer, University of Georgia

Dr. Remy Epps, Inclusion Officer, Athens-Clarke County, Georgia

John Alvarez Turner, Interim Director, Office of Multicultural Services and Programs, University of Georgia

2:00 - 2:30 Break

2:30 - 3:45 Book Discussion and Application Exercise

4:00 - 4:30 Career Services

Brandon Solie, Assistant Director for Career Services and Recruiting

4:30 - 5:00 Advising / Q&A

Dr. Eric Zeemering, MPA Director

Sam Cannon, Advising

DAY 3: Saturday, August 12

Students will receive volunteer location instructions by email. See the email correspondence from Rebecca Blakeney for your location and volunteer hours.