

**DRAFT 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 Kristin Lawrence at (706) 542-3510.

DAY 1: Tuesday, August 6, 2024

- 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**
- 9:15 - 10:15** **Introduction and Public Service Value Discussion**
- 10:15 - 10:45** **Break**
- 10:45 - 12:00** **Orientation to the MPA Program**
- 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**
- 2:15 - 3:00** **Health and Wellness**
- 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 7

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

10:00 - 10:30 MPA Mentor Initiative

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 12:00 Alumni Panel

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

1:00 - 2:30 Book Discussion and Application: *Portraits of Public Service*

2:30 - 3:00 Break

3:00 - 4:00 Evidence Based Decisions in Public Service

4:00 - 4:30 Career Services

4:30 - 5:00 Advising Q&A

DAY 3: Saturday, August 10

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