

Spring 2018

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Prerequisites:	PADM 210, 212, 213, 214 and 218; and instructor consent.

Course Description

Advanced individual research and projects.

Prerequisites are PADM 210, PADM 212, PADM 213, PADM 214 and PADM 218; and consent of instructor.

If the final project is not completed in one semester, the students will register in PADM 1290R for the second and following semesters. The project must be completed within seven years of starting the MPA courses. See the following URL for details.

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Required Readings

Research books

Student and instructor will select appropriate supportive materials based on the topic selected

This course meets on most Mondays, with a variety of activities, including group class meetings, peer support group meetings, and one-on-

The format of the literature review is an essay describing the available literature related to your topic. You should present the literature in logical order and grouped by relevance to topics in

M 297.

3. Methodology. This will have been created for your prospectus. It should not change without permission of your adviser. Describe the specific methods that you have used to obtain the data for your project. You may use data analysis, survey research, or any other professional or academic method. The Sylvia and Sylvia book used in PADM 297 provides a number of examples of evaluation methodologies. Bardach and other PADM 213 textbooks are also good guides. The methodology must be appropriate to the subject and your purpose in researching it, and complete, as it guides your research work. Note that while this was part of your prospectus, in the final project **it will be in past tense** because the research will have been completed,

Additional Segments of the Completed Paper

The finished paper will include enhanced versions of the introduction, literature review and methodology that were part of the prospectus, and 2 additional sections.

4. Findings: This section constitutes the focus of your paper. You report on what you found. Interviews, data tables or analyses of public policy questions may be appropriate. This section could vary between 10 and 50 pages, depending on the topic and methodology.

5. Analysis and Conclusion: In this section you interpret your findings and make recommendations (when appropriate) and /or draw conclusions that are grounded in the Findings section. This section may range from 5 to 20 pages.

The program does not have a fixed standard for length. Generally, successfully completed projects are between 40 and 60 pages in length. If you are / loethodde

First draft criteria:

1. More than ten English mechanics mistakes in the first five pages or twenty in the entire document= returned for correction with no additional evaluation
2. A score of less than 3 on any of the Outcome 1 criteria= returned for correction with no additional evaluation
3. A score of less than 3 on any Outcome 2 or 3 criteria = returned for correction with evaluation of deficiencies.

Second draft criteria:

1. Any English mechanics mistakes = returned for correction with no additional evaluation
2. A score of less than 3 on any Outcome 1, 2, or 3 criteria = returned for correction with evaluation of the deficiencies
3. An overall score of less than 38 or any Outcome criteria less than 3= returned for correction with evaluation of the deficiencies.

Third draft criteria:

1. Any English mechanics mistakes = returned for correction with no additional evaluation
2. A score of less than 38 or any Outcome criteria below 3 = returned for correction with evaluation of deficiencies; **last reading by the adviser.**
3. **Submitted with all corrections for fourth reading by a different fulltime MPA faculty member who will be obtained by the MPA Director.**

Fourth draft criteria:

1. **A score of less than 38 or any Outcome criteria below 3 by the second MPA faculty member= submitted to the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies for review**
2. **If the dean's review is less than 38 or less than 3 on any Outcome criteria, the student fails the 298 and is out of the program. The degree will not be conferred.**

The grading rubric follows.

CRITERIA	Excellent	Good	Marginal	Unacceptable	Rating	Weight	Score
Outcome 1. Demonstrates ability to conceptualize problems from complex, real world situations so the problems are meaningful to clients, and are research worthy (maximum score: 12)							

TOTAL SCORE Assessment: Excellent Good Marginal Unacceptable							
As a supervisor, you would consider this work ready for public distribution without any modification.							
As a supervisor, you would consider this work essentially sound, but in need of some refinement before public distribution.							
As a supervisor, you would conclude that the work contained some worthwhile elements, but required major revisions before public distribution.							
The work needs to be entirely redone.							

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COURSE SCHEDULE

Cl ass	Date	Activity
1	Jan 29	Class meeting: syllabus review, schedule review, form spring peer groups, professor appointments selected
2	Feb 5	Individual appointments as scheduled, others confer with peers
3	Feb 12	Individual appointments as scheduled, others confer with peers