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Personal Attention
Students interact closely with faculty and staff on academic matters and research and public service projects. An Internship Coordinator helps students prepare for the internship experience. There is a full calendar of social events, seminars, and lectures by special guests. SPPA graduate students have many opportunities to become involved in and lead student, SPPA, and University-wide activities.

Scholarships and Aid
Scholarships and financial assistance are awarded on an annual basis and governed by the availability of funding.

Core Courses
- UAPP658 Contemporary Issues in Public Administration
- UAPP684 Performance Management & Program Evaluation OR
- UAPP702 Research Methods in Urban & Public Policy
- UAPP689 Information Technology & Management of Public & Nonprofit Organizations
- UAPP690 Seminar in Public Administration
- UAPP691 Quantitative Analysis in Public & Nonprofit Sectors
- UAPP693 Economics in Public & Nonprofit Sectors
- UAPP694 Financial Management in Public & Nonprofit Sectors
- UAPP695 Administrative & Employment Law
- UAPP696 Human Resources Management in Public & Nonprofit Organizations
- UAPP697 Leading Organizations in Public & Nonprofit Sectors
- UAPP699 Policy/Management Brief
- UAPP860 Internship Seminar

Specialization Areas
Nonprofit & Community Leadership
- Required: UAPP672 Nonprofit Organizations: Scope, Framework and Dynamics
- Additional: At least six credits from SPPA courses recommended for the Nonprofit & Community Leadership Specialization

Public Policy & Management
- Required: UAPP701 Public Policy
- Additional: At least six credits from SPPA courses recommended for the Public Policy & Management Specialization

Emergency Management
- Required: DISA650 Overview of Disaster Science & Management
- Additional: At least six credits from SPPA courses recommended for the Emergency Management Specialization

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- Institute for Public Administration
- Center for Community Research and Service
- Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research
- Center for Historic Architecture and Design
- Disaster Research Center

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Apply to the program by the Priority Deadline for maximum consideration for an assistantship.