



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND GOVERNANCE
Silliman University
Dumaguete City

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Administration
Program Components and Policy Guidelines
SY 2020-2021

I. Foundation Course (15 units)¹

PHPA 300	Phenomenology, Grounded Theory and Administrative Methods	3 units
PHPA 301	Philosophy of Administrative Science	3 units
PHPA 302	Seminar in Public Sector Operations Management	3 units
PHPA 303	Philosophy of Political Economy and the History of Philippine Economy	3 units
PHPA 304	Seminar in Public Finance, Investment and the Economy	3 units
		15 units

II. Major Courses (24 units)

PHPA 305	Seminar in Social Marketing: Research and Planning	3 units
PHPA 306	Asian Philosophy for Creative Innovation Strategy in Public Affairs and Governance	3 units
PHPA 307	Seminar in Strategies Formulation and Implementation Planning ²	3 units
PHPA 308	Seminar in Managing Climate Change and Externalities ³	3 units
PHPA 309	Seminar in ICT Integration, Mitigation and Functions in Public Affairs	3 units
PHPA 310	Seminar in Country Analysis ⁴	3 units
PHPA 311	Seminar in Human Capital Management	3 units
PHPA 312	Seminar in Public Enterprise Risk Management ⁴	3 units
		24 units

III. Cognate Courses (9 units)

PHPA 314	Seminar in Coastal Resource Management	3 units
PHPA 315	Seminar in Upland Resource Management	3 units
PHPA 316	Seminar in Principles and Methods of Teaching	3 units
PHPA 317	Seminar in History of Governance Techniques and Economic Policies of selected Western and Asian Leaders	3 units
PHPA 318	Seminar in Philippine Government, Politics and the Economy	3 units
PHPA 319	Seminar in Foreign Policy	3 units
PHPA 320	Seminar in International Political Economy	3 units
PHPA 321	Seminar in International Politics and Territorial Conflicts	3 units
PHPA 322	Seminar in Special Topics	3 units
	Required units	9 units

Total Academic Load 48 units
12 units

IV. PHPA 400 Dissertation

¹ If the student is not an MPA graduate, he or she should take PA 200 (Theory and Practice of Public Affairs and Governance), and PA 231 (Philippine Administrative System) as part of Foundation Courses

² The curriculum structure must be strictly observed because the subjects in the preceding semester (s) are prerequisites to the subjects in the succeeding semester.

³ Required subject in lieu of a language requirement

⁴ Prerequisite subjects: All PHPA Subjects, that is from PHPA 300 to PHPA 309, and PHPA 311.

Note: The above subjects must be taught to account the learning device of Wolfgang Goethe that says: “look for the thing behind the phenomena, that is what is learnable” or to account what Lao Tzu proclaims as one of the five methods of handling public affairs: “...to perceive the subtle” or in Ps 119:130: “The unfolding of thy words give light; it imparts understanding to the simple,” because those learning methods explain what “strategic thinking” is all about — the engagement of the learner in the “laboratory of possibilities” to generate genuine features of the environment for sound strategy formulation.

Policy Guidelines (PG)

- 1.0 A student applicant who graduated (with thesis) from the degree of Master in Public Administration, Master of Business Administration, Master of Arts (major in Political Science or Philosophy), Master of Arts in Philosophy, and Master of Arts in Basic Education major in Administration, maybe eligible for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy in Public Administration, subject to the requirements of the Bridging Course of not more than 12 units in the Master of Public Administration, Silliman University. However, if the said student fails to obtain a **satisfactory rating** in at least 6 units of the 12-unit “Bridging Course”, he/she is not eligible for admission to the Ph.D. in PA.
- 2.0 A student applicant who graduated Master of Arts or Master of Science outside of the degree/s stated in PG 1.0 is eligible for admission **only** to the Doctor of Public Administration (DPA) of the School of Public Affairs and Governance. The rules on “Bridging Courses” shall apply.
- 3.0 Only the first batch for SPAG-DPA-students maybe allowed to convert their DPA program, or maybe permitted to shift, to the Doctor of Philosophy in Public Administration (Ph.D. in PA) because the contents of their DPA curriculum at this time are similar to the contents of the PH.D. in PA.



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Curriculum Structure

First Year

First Semester			Second Semester		
PHPA 300	Phenomenology, Grounded Theory and Administrative Methods	3	PHPA 302	Seminar in Public Sector Operations Management	3
PHPA 301	Philosophy of Administrative Science	3	PHPA 304	Seminar in Public Finance, Investment and the Economy	3
PHPA 303	Philosophy of Political Economy and History of Philippine Economy	3	PHPA 306	Asian Philosophy for Creative Innovation Strategy in Public Affairs and Governance	3
PHPA 305	Seminar in Social Marketing: Research and Planning	3	PHPA 308	Seminar in Managing Climate Change and Externalities	3

SECOND YEAR

First Semester			Second Semester		
PHPA 307	Seminar in Strategies Formulation and Implementation Planning	3	PHPA 310	Seminar in Country Analysis	3
PHPA 309	Seminar in ICT Integration, Mitigation and Functions in Public Affairs	3	PHPA 312	Seminar in Public Enterprises Risk Management	3
PHPA 311	Seminar in Human Capital Management	3	PHPA	Cognate Course (Even no)	3
PHPA	Cognate Course (odd no)	3	PHPA	Cognate Course (Even no)	3

Third Year

PHPA 400	Dissertation	12 units
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Foundation Courses: 15 units
 Major Courses: 24 units
 Cognate Courses: 9 units
 Dissertation 12 units
 TOTAL 60 units