FACULTY MEMBER: Leave Blank
TERM: Leave Blank
COURSE TITLE: Seminar in Public Administration
COURSE NUMBER: MPA 6501
OFFICE HOURS/METHOD OF CONTACT: Leave Blank
Technical Requirements that may be required to utilize technology in this course:
- A headset or microphone.
- A webcam.

RATIONALE:
Use description from WU website: Course Descriptions

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course focuses on federal, state, and local administrative practices; principles of organization; policy formulation; and ethical decision making in public organizations. The impact of bureaucracy on state and local government politics is explored. Organizational processes, including leadership styles, communications, policy formulation, power, authority, community, and political linkages are examined.

MAJOR INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS:
Each student will:
1. Demonstrate an understanding of the Administrative state.
2. Analyze the theory of public organizations and how public administrators manage public policy implementation.
3. Understand the concept of public fiscal management and taxation.
4. Know the public budgeting process.
5. Formulate concepts of public personnel management and the relationship of labor unionism.
6. Recognize the importance of communications with constituencies.
7. Understand the interaction between public administrators and the judiciary.

10. Appreciate career development in public administration to include its professional organizations.

11. Demonstrate the ability to assimilate and communicate knowledge, ideas, and innovations concerning significant aspects of public administration through written and oral presentations.

PROGRAM COMPETENCIES: (Intended student learning outcomes)
- Develop an understanding of contemporary leadership and management models and theories.
- Develop an understanding and the ability to apply change frameworks and models.
- Articulate personal values and goals as guideposts to personal behavior.

WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY GRADUATION COMPETENCIES: (Broad based goals)

Oral Communication
- Speak with confidence, clarity, and conciseness.
- Research, prepare, and deliver professional presentations.

Written Communication
- Write clearly, concisely and appropriately using correct English grammar, punctuation, usage, mechanics, sentence structure, and vocabulary.
- Use appropriate APA format for scholarly writing.

Disciplined Inquiry
- Use quantitative, qualitative, and scientific reasoning to solve problems.
- Exercise critical thinking strategies including reasoning, problem solving, analysis and evaluation.
- Define a problem or issue and develop questions and methods to address the problem or issue and/or create new knowledge.

Information Literacy
- Access and use information effectively, efficiently, and appropriately.
- Evaluate the quality of sources and content.
- Use technology to effectively locate and communicate information.

Ethics
- Demonstrate knowledge and application of prescribed ethical codes and/or behaviors promoted by professions.

METHODOLOGY:

A. Teaching Methods: Describe what methods will be used to convey information to students.

B. Evaluation Procedures: Describe specifically how course objectives/outcomes will be evaluated (e.g. essays, projects, discussions, quizzes/exams, etc.)

C. Major Assignments used for Outcomes Assessments: Describe any Outcomes Assessments mandated in the course. For example, Peregrine testing. Any OA assessments required should be supplied by the Chair. This is a mandatory assessment used in all sections of all courses.
COURSE SCHEDULE AND CHECKLIST:
Provide a list of assignments by week, point values, and due dates (e.g. Sunday of Week 1). For online sections, Your instructional designer can help you build this table from the Grade Center in Blackboard.