Fairfield University
MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Course Offerings
FALL 2015

Registration Deadline August 17th /Classes begin September 1st

MPA 410 Introduction to Public Administration (75943)
This course provides an overview of the history, practical nature, function of public administration and policy making at the federal, state at the local levels. It will examine the theories and concepts of bureaucracy, as well as the formulation and implementation of policy. Among the topics covered are organization theory, federalism and regulation, ethics and accountability, decision-making, and leadership and budgeting. Case studies will be used to facilitate class lectures and discussions. 3 credits

Thursday 6:30 - 9:00
Professor: John Munro, Ph.D.

MPA 420 Leadership (76933)
This course focuses on the communication behaviors that constitute leadership. Models explore interpersonal influence, power in organizations, leading decision-making teams and task-oriented groups, and developing situational leadership skills. Early and contemporary research perspectives on leadership are reviewed and critically analyzed. Student projects include case studies and reviews of role-model leaders. 3 credits

Hybrid September 1 - October 23
Thursday 6:30 - 9:00
Professor: Michael Pagano, Ph.D.

CO 497C Technoculture and Information Society (76765)
This course explores phenomena, trends, and theories related to emerging information and communication technologies (ICTs), as well as relationships among those technologies, socio-economic structures, "old" media institutions, media users, and culture. Through a combination of theoretical and practical explorations that emphasize historical, ethical, and critical thinking, the course introduces students to academic and non-academic perspectives on new media. Three credits

Tuesday 5:00 – 7:30
Professor: Gisela Gil-Egui, Ph.D.
**CO 497N Relational Communication (76767)**
Close relationships can bring us a great deal of joy, happiness, and love, but unfortunately they can also be sources of frustration, pain, and conflict. This course is designed to help us understand the critical role of communication in developing, maintaining, and terminating close relationships with romantic partners, friends, and family members. The course examines the most current research and theory on a variety of topics that are central to understanding and maintaining close relationships, with a focus on attraction, attachment, conflict, power, emotion, transgression, reconciliation, and termination. Three credits

**Wednesday 11:00 – 1:30**  
**Professor:** Qin Zhang, Ph.D.

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**CO 524 Negotiation and Conflict Management: Communication Approaches (77069)**
This course explores a selection of conflict situations with particular emphasis on organizational and community settings. Theoretical exploration focuses on the nature of conflict, and negotiation and dialogue as communication processes. The course privileges win-win and dialogic approaches and provides experiential learning in simulations in which teams of students negotiate detailed and practicable outcomes for resolving contemporary organizational and societal problems. Three credits

**Thursday: 6:30 – 9:00**  
**Hybrid 10/22 – 12/17/15**  
**Professor:** Michael Pagano, Ph.D.