

Fall 2020 Question Themes
(for those following *semester catalog only*)

You will answer one core course question (your choice), one concentration question (your concentration), and one integrative question (randomly assigned).

PA 6030

The PA 6030 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) variable operationalization and (2) internal validity.

PA 6110

The PA 6110 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) the role played by theory in public administration and (2) theories original to public administration.

PA 6550

The PA 6550 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) difference between public and private sector strategic planning processes and (2) strategic plan implementation.

PA 6620

The PA 6620 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) ethics within the context of organizations and (2) differences between public and private sector environments.

PA 6630

The PA 6630 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes (1) local government financing and (2) service chargers and fees.

PA 6640

The PA 6640 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) teams and (2) performance evaluations.

PA 6800

The PA 6800 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) policy process and (2) agenda setting.

CYBERSECURITY CONCENTRATION

The cybersecurity concentration comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) big data collection (as part of crowd monitoring) and (2) securing confidential bid data.

SOCIAL WORK CONCENTRATION

The social work concentration comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) post-crisis social challenges and (2) coordination of government and grassroots/nonprofit organizations' response.

LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION

The Leadership Concentration comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) immunity and (2) its practice applications.

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT CONCENTRATION

The Nonprofit Management Concentration comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) nonprofit organization design specificities and (2) the link between design specificities and organizational behavior.

PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CONCENTRATION

The Public Financial Management Concentration comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) local government fiscal stress and (2) fiscal stress management.

INTEGRATIVE QUESTIONS

Competency: to lead and manage in public governance.

The “lead and manage in public governance competency” comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) local government policy making process and (2) stakeholder management.

Competency: to participate in and contribute to the public policy process.

The “participate in and contribute to the public policy process” comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) local government policy making process and (2) policy design.

Competency: to analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions.

The “analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions” comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) local government policy making process and (2) expenditure reduction strategies.

Competency: to articulate and apply a public service perspective.

The “articulate and apply a public service perspective” comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) local government policy making process and (2) outsourcing.

Competency: to communicate and interact productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry.

The “communicate and interact productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry” comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) local government policy making process and (2) team management.