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COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE,
PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

2021 CAPP A Ph.D. Orientation

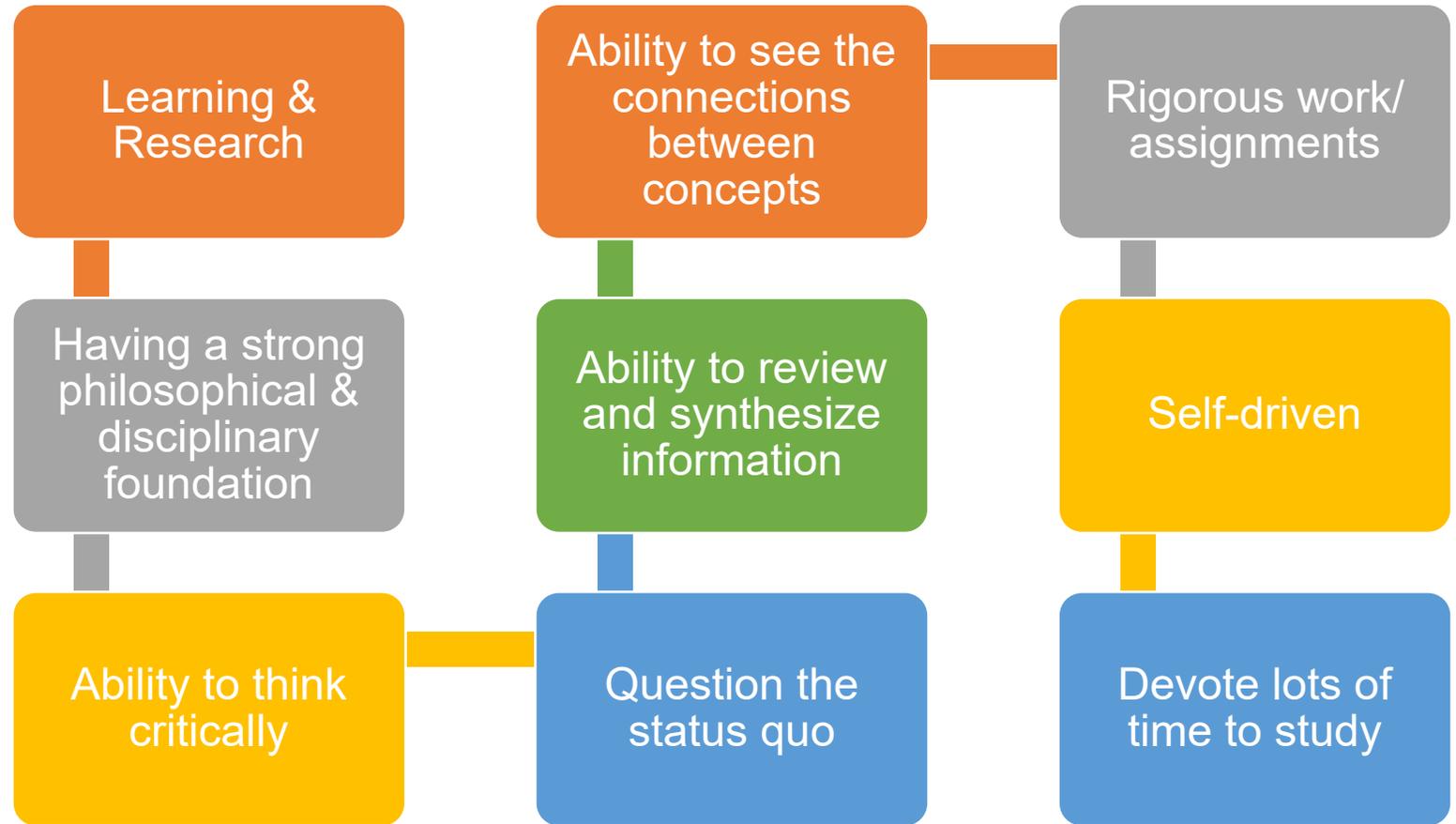
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What is a Ph.D. degree?



Knowledge

Breadth vs depth

Early years: Breadth of study

- Learn about problems
- Learn about techniques
- Get ideas

Later years: increasing depth

- Subject matter experts
- Identification of expertise/ niche

Outcome: Create knowledge

CAPPA Doctoral Degrees – PAPP & UPPP

- Two Doctoral Degrees
 - Public Administration & Public Policy (PAPP)
 - Urban Planning & Public Policy (UPPP)
- Very distinct programs - different objectives
- Faculty: <https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/cappa/about/public-affairs-planning-faculty>
- Grad Adviser: Ms. Barbara Saenz
- Prior to signing up for courses, meet with Chair and get approval.

Dissertation

- Options
 - Traditional monograph
 - 3 articles dissertation
 - Refer to the handbooks

Public Administration and Public Policy (PAPP)

- Uniqueness – Interdisciplinary
 - 8 required courses
 - 4 research courses
 - 1 elective
 - Total coursework: 39 hours
 - Min for degree: 48 hours
- FT student: 2 years to complete coursework
- End of coursework (39 hours), take comprehensive exam
- Proposal
- Dissertation (up to 66 hours)



PAPP

PAPP Students

First Year					
SUMMER SESSION	HOURS	FIRST SEMESTER	HOURS	SECOND SEMESTER	HOURS
Elective Course	3	PAPP 5342	3	PAPP 6311	3
		PAPP 5309		PAPP 6305	3
				PAPP 6315	3
				PAPP 6320	3
				PAPP 6346	3
	6		9		9
Second Year					
		FIRST SEMESTER	HOURS	SECOND SEMESTER	HOURS
		PAPP 5344	3	PAPP 6301	3
		PAPP 6307	3	PAPP 6326	3
		PAPP 6309	3	PAPP 6349	3
	9		9		
Third Year					
		FIRST SEMESTER	HOURS	SECOND SEMESTER	HOURS
		PAPP 6399 , 6699 , or 6999	3-9	PAPP 6399 , 6699 , or 6999	3-9
	3-9		3-9		
Fourth Year					
		FIRST SEMESTER	HOURS		
		PAPP 6399 , 6699 , or 7399 ²	3-6		
	3-6				

Total Hours: 51-66

Urban Planning and Public Policy (UPPP)

- Uniqueness - Combination of planning, urban design, land use, transportation, environmental sustainability, real estate, and engineering.
- Field Areas
 - Urban Policy and Planning
 - Physical Planning, Development and Urban Design
 - Land Use/Transportation Analysis, Planning and policy
 - Environmental Planning Policy/Sustainability

UPPP

- Coursework: 39 credit hours
 - Leveling courses: 6 hours
 - Core: 9 hours
 - Methods courses: 12 hours
 - Electives/ Field area courses: 12 hours
- Full-time student: 2 years to complete coursework
- End of coursework (39 hours), present pre-proposal
- Field exam & Proposal
- Dissertation (up to 66 hours)



UPPP

UPPP Students

First Year					
SUMMER SEMESTER	HOURS	FIRST SEMESTER	HOURS	SECOND SEMESTER	HOURS
Deficiency or Field Course ¹	3	PLAN 6310	3	PLAN 6303	3
		PLAN 6311	3	PAPP 6307	3
		Deficiency or Field Course ¹	3	PLAN 6347	3
	3		9		9
Second Year					
		FIRST SEMESTER	HOURS	SECOND SEMESTER	HOURS
		PLAN 6300	3	PLAN 6346	3
		PLAN 6301	3	Deficiency or Field Course ¹	3
		PLAN 6317	3	Deficiency or Field Course ¹	3
	9		9		
Third Year					
		FIRST SEMESTER	HOURS	SECOND SEMESTER	HOURS
		PLAN 6399 , 6699 , or 6999	3-9	PLAN 6399 , 6699 , or 6999	3-9
	3-9		3-9		
Fourth Year					
		FIRST SEMESTER	HOURS		
		PLAN 6399 , 6699 , 6999 , or 7399	3-9		
	3-9				

Total Hours: 48-66

Resources

- The PhD Handbook – one for each doctoral program
- Grad Adviser – Has knowledge of all processes
- Graduate School : <https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/gradschool/resources/workshops-and-programs/navigating-grad-school>
- Dissertation Lab: <https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/gradschool/resources/workshops-and-programs/dissertation-lab>
- Dissertation Writing: <https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/gradschool/resources/workshops-and-programs/thesis-dissertation-series>
- <https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/gradschool/resources/workshops-and-programs/online-workshops>
- UTA Catalog: <https://catalog.uta.edu/aboututa/>
- UTA Library: <https://libraries.uta.edu/research>
- Imagine PhD: <https://www.imaginephd.com/about>

Steps to Follow

	STEP	WORK WITH	SUBMITTED TO	WHEN
1	Assigned a Faculty Adviser	Faculty Adviser	Grad Adviser	Upon Admission
2	Milestone Agreement form & select 1 st semester courses	Faculty Adviser	Grad Adviser	Prior to or early in first semester
3	Form Diagnostic Advisory Committee (DAC)	Faculty Adviser	Grad Adviser	End of 1 st year of Ph.D.
4	Schedule diagnostic evaluation	DAC	Grad Adviser	On or right after 18 hours of study
5	Set up Dissertation Committee	Dissertation Committee	Grad Adviser	Prior to starting dissertation work
6	Take Comprehensive/ Field exam	DAC/ Dissertation Committee	Grad Adviser	Upon completion of coursework
7	Take dissertation hours	Dissertation Chair	Grad Adviser	After initiating dissertation
8	Defend proposal & achieve candidacy/ ABD status	Dissertation Committee	Grad Adviser	Dissertation work
9	Defend dissertation	Dissertation Committee	Grad Adviser	Last semester

Expectations



Focus is critical



Understand what research is/ involves



Attend research conferences, learn, network



Set own deadlines



Seek faculty advise



Research/ papers = impact!



Create a base of skills, techniques, experience



Be extremely deep in your PhD research

Next 5 years



Prepare yourself
to do great work

Knowledge
Experience
Techniques
Mindset



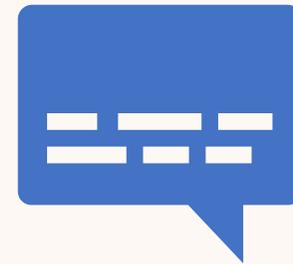
Find balance – life & work



Take care of yourself



Questions?



Comments?