Plan of Study for Ph.D. in Public Affairs*

**First Year:**

**Fall:**
- PAF 701: Origins and Development of Public Policy in America
- PAF 710: Theory and Design of Research

**Spring:**
- PAF 702: Role of Government in Society
- PAF 711: Advanced Seminar in Quantitative Research in Public Affairs

**Summer:**
- Twelve credits of Research Methods AND/OR Statistics:

Courses may be taken, with consent of Graduate Coordinator, in various departments at UNLV that offer graduate research and statistical techniques. Students may enroll in ICPSR short-term workshops or summer long programs. Workshops count for three credits while 4-5 week programs may earn twelve credits.

Students not taking twelve credits in the summer will need take three credits in the fall of their second year.

**Second Year**

**Fall:**
- PAF 703: Individual and Group Decision-Making
  
  Elective course in the area of specialization. Or, if student has not completed research methods\statistical analysis sequence, then they should take a course in this area.

- PAF 704: Public Affairs as a Profession

**Spring:**
- Six credits in area of specialization.

**Summer:**
- PAF 795: Directed Readings

  Course in area of specialization and\or readings in preparation for writing Prospectus.
Third and Fourth Year:

PAF 799: Dissertation Research in Public Affairs

Six credits each semester toward dissertation. Where appropriate additional substantive courses may be recommended to provide background content information for those students desiring an academic position.

* Program assumes that a student has already received a master degree.