Professional Papers
Spring 2023
Humphrey School of Public Affairs
One hour on Zoom:

10-15 minute presentation – Prof. Deborah Levison (PA 8082)
Up to 20 minutes – panel of former students
20+ minutes – Q&A
    – please write down your questions as you have them, to ask at this time

Please note that this session will be recorded for students who were unable to attend.
What is a professional paper?

*(see web page for formal definition)*

- very well-written paper of ~30 pages of text
- addresses an issue relevant to your degree and concentration (e.g., policy, human rights...)
- sources of data / information vary
- ends with policy recommendations (if possible)
PA 8082

- Spring semester only
- Does not replace your committee
- Individualized approach
- Goal: progress every single week!

- What is the role of supervisor / committee member(s)?
- How do you find them?
Timeline

Before October 7: develop the paper topic; & do your best to find a paper supervisor & committee member(s)

October 7, 2022: Paper topic approval form is due
- MPP/MHR/MS-STEP Professional Paper Topic Approval Form

Keep working on your topic! …“flailing around” time!

November 8, 2022: Spring semester registration begins.
- Register for the PA 8082 Professional Paper Writing Seminar.
- Scheduled on Wednesdays from 8:15-11:00 am (spring 2023).
Panel of former students

Brooke Dirtzu (MPP’18)
Ren Bin Lee Dixon (MPP’22)
Trupti Storlie (MPP’22)
Questions?

The information covered today and additional details are available on the Humphrey Individual Professional Paper Options web page.

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Master's Degrees: Planning, Registration, and Completion

For more information, contact Humphrey School admissions.