

PhD in Public Policy Learning Outcomes Map

Learning outcomes	Courses
LO1: <i>Explain and appraise</i> the theoretical and methodological foundations for how social scientists understand and research policy and policy issues.	PADM 6010 (M) PADM 6011 (H) PADM 6012 (H) PADM 6013 (H) PADM 6900 (H) Research methods elective (H) Proposal defense (M)
LO2: <i>Explain and appraise existing research in an area of policy</i> in order to identify a research question meriting examination in their thesis research.	PADM 6010 (H) PADM 6011 (M) PADM 6012 (H) PADM 6013 (L) PADM 6900 (H) PADM 6201 (H) Substantive electives (H) Language requirement (M) Proposal defense (H)
LO3: <i>Explain and appraise</i> the strengths and limitations inherent to different kind of theoretical approaches, research designs and methods, recognizing the complexity of knowledge creation.	PADM 6010 (M) PADM 6011 (H) PADM 6012 (H) PADM 6013 (H) PADM 6900 (H) PADM 6201 (L) Research methods elective (H) Proposal defense (M)
LO4: <i>Design and critique</i> various forms of research design for answering research questions in a manner deemed robust within their disciplinary field and that meets ethical standards.	PADM 6010 (L) PADM 6011 (M) PADM 6012 (L) PADM 6013 (H) PADM 6201 (H) Research methods elective (L) Substantive electives (H) Proposal defense (H)
LO5: <i>Execute</i> various forms of research methods/tools that will provide answers to academic research questions of interests within their disciplinary field.	PADM 6201 (M) Language requirement (M) Proposal defense (H)
LO6: <i>Author</i> a PhD thesis that makes an original academic contribution and has the potential to make a substantive contribution to the practice of public policy.	Proposal defense (L) PADM 6909 (H)

* Legend: *H*: high contribution to the attainment of the learning outcome; *M*: moderate contribution to the attainment of the learning outcome; *L*: low contribution to the attainment of the learning outcome. If you need a refresher on the course codes, see the calendar:

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