

# MPP 608

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Pepperdine School of Public Policy recognizes professional experiential and co-curricular opportunities through career development. Learning outcomes for career trajectory occurs through attending professional events, networking, and mentorship, connecting with alumni, building community, fostering partnerships, and identifying options that leverage professional goals.

- ♦ Students are **required to be enrolled in MPP 608 each term; and have 8 points** by the end of the term
- ♦ Points are obtained by **attending SPP Career Events and Policy Events**
- ♦ Events have Point values (see below)
- ♦ After attending events, students must **submit a 250-word reflection\*** stating the career impact
- ♦ All submissions are to be **submitted on Canvas for MPP 608, Fall 2025**

\*Written reflections must be a minimum 250 words providing a description of the event and the career value added to the student's educational and professional experience. Only reflections submitted via these instructions will be considered valid reflections for credit. ***It is the responsibility of the student to ensure they attend and submit the required number of events and reflections by the stated deadline. You are encouraged to complete and submit each reflection as attended rather than waiting until the end of the semester.***

**\*\*\*DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FALL 2025 REFLECTIONS: Wednesday, 11/26/2025 AT 11:59 PM (PST)\*\*\***

### Co-Curricular Career or Policy Events for Student Attendees

- SPP Dean's Events, Ask-An-Alum, Career Workshops, Davenport Discussions = **1 Point**
- Professional Events Outside of SPP\* = **1 Point** (\*pre-approved by Career Office prior to attending)
- School of Public Policy Recorded Events = **.5 Point**
- Pre-approved Podcasts or Blog (through Career Office) = **.5 -1 Point**
- Student Organization Event\* = **1 Point** (\*Event pre-approved by Melissa Espinoza)
- P4 Ambassador Event\* = **1 Point** (\*Event to be pre-approved by Melissa Espinoza)
- Diversity Committee\* = **1 Point** (\*Event to be pre-approved by Melissa Espinoza)

### Student-Organized Events

Any student planning events can receive up to 2 Points per event based on their event involvement. This extra point is based on the student involvement with the event coordination and execution. Each of these events must be pre-approved by Melissa Espinoza.

- ♦ Student Organization Event = **1-2 Points**
- ♦ P4 Ambassador Event = **1-2 Points**
- ♦ Diversity Committee = **1-2 Points**

*As described in the Academic Catalog, the School of Public Policy hosts a range of professional development events. These co-curricular activities are intended to provide both career-oriented professional preparation in areas such as job search strategies, career development, and networking, as well as hands-on opportunities to interact with leading scholars and practitioners in the field of public policy. \*School of Public Policy students will enroll in MPP 608 for each semester they are enrolled in at least one (1) MPP course carrying more than zero (0) units of credit at the School of Public Policy. For those enrolled in three (3) or more unit-eligible MPP courses, students must accrue eight (8) Professional Development credits; for those enrolled in fewer than three (3) unit-eligible MPP courses, students must accrue four (4) credits.*

*Failure to complete the required number of professional development credits (as described above) by at least one (1) week before the end of the term will result in a grade of incomplete ("I") for that term. A grade of incomplete ("I") must be completed by the end of the following term or it will become a grade of no credit ("NC") for the course. Students must successfully complete four (4) terms of MPP 608 in order to complete the MPP program. Failure to complete all four (4) terms will prevent a student from graduating.*

**Questions about MPP 608, Professional Development please contact the Career Office at: [sppcareers@pepperdine.edu](mailto:sppcareers@pepperdine.edu).**