







independent determination of whether the student passed or failed the comprehensive exam.

Upon successful completion of the comprehensive exam, students must identify their advisor and begin assembling their dissertation committee within 3 months after being notified of passing the exam. Failure to fulfill this requirement could result in a formal notice from the department of not making sufficient progress. The student will be recommended to the Graduate College and placed on probation.

Following successful completion of the comprehensive exam and all course work, and have successfully passed their dissertation prospectus, students are officially admitted to Candidacy for the

If the dissertation is not completed within three (3) years after the student passes the comprehensive



academic probation.

Classes within this program use the WEBCAMPUS/CANVAS course site platform, which enables online instruction and communication. In order to gain access to courses, course material and information, students must have a Rebelmail (with @unlv.nevada.edu) account to log in. To activate your Rebelmail account go to [Rebelmail Set Up](#).

Students must also obtain a student ID (RebelCard). Without your student ID, students will not be able to partake of certain campus resources, such as the University libraries. To obtain a RebelCard:

- Register for at least one credit hour at UNLV

- Wait 5 to 7 business days for the system to update

- Take a photo ID to the RebelCard Office located in the Student Union

Per (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) regulations, all email correspondences

provide a good way for students to become connected in the field and develop networks as they explore their options within the job market. Some key professional associations are highlighted below.

American Political Science Association  
American Society for Public Administration  
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizational Voluntary Action  
Academy of Management, Public & Nonprofit Division  
Association of Budgeting and Financial Management  
Association of Public Policy and Management  
International City/County Management Association  
Public Administration Theory Network  
Public Administration Teaching Conference  
National Forum for Black Public Administrators  
Urban Affairs Association  
Western Political Science Association

Below is a list of a few important scholarly journals that we suggest doctoral students in the program become familiar with, as well as others not mentioned on this list.



they apply for [graduation on time](#) and submit all required forms to the Graduate College. Questions regarding thesis/dissertation should be directed to the Graduate College [Student Services Team](#) and questions regarding required forms should be directed to the Graduate College [RPC Team](#)

#### Office of Diversity Initiatives

The vision of the Office of Diversity Initiatives is to advocate, promote, and support the advancement of equity, inclusiveness, and empowerment of a continuously changing collegiate and global community. The mission of the Office of Diversity Initiatives is to provide leadership and support for UNLV's diversity mission:

. This Office also handles UNLV Title IX questions, inquiries, and reporting.

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[Academic Calendar](#)

[Academic Policies](#)

[Admission and Registration Information](#)

[Degree Progression Policies & Procedures](#)

In addition, the [Graduate College website](#) contains additional information regarding policies and procedures.

This handbook was reviewed and approved by the program's Ph.D. Committee, as well as the School of Public Policy and Leadership's general faculty.

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March 30, 2023	J. Word	Language was added to clarify student expectations around attending dissertation defenses in person, when dissertation hours maybe taken and the timing of the Comprehensive exam. Additionally, language clarifying when students would be expected to resubmit a prospectus was added. Faculty voted to approve changes on 3/30/23 with a vote of 11-0.
April 1, 2021	J. Farmer	Faculty approved program language updates and corrections Faculty vote to approve handbook changes: 5/0/0 (June 18, 2020); These changes were originally approved back in 2018 (with a vote of 8/0/0)
April 18, 2018	J. Farmer	Faculty approved program updates