



Public Leadership Curriculum Fall 2026

Semester 1	CPPL 100: Colloquium I (DVCC)	1 cr
	PLCY 201S: Public Leaders and Active Citizens (SCIS, DSHS or DSSP)	3 cr
Semester 2	CPPL 101: Colloquium II	1 cr
Semester 3	CPPL 200: Colloquium III	1 cr
Semester 3 or 4	Practicum (var. Gen Ed)	3 cr
Semester 1, 2, 3, or 4	Oral Communication Course (FSOC)	3 cr

Practicum

Scholars in Public Leadership must complete a 3-credit practicum in the sophomore year in one of the following ways:

1. An internship – Your internship must be at least 135 hours over the course of the semester (~8 hours a week), and must be completed during the Fall, Spring, or Summer. Additionally, you must be enrolled in CPSP339P (DSSP) or another UMD course that gives 3 credits for internships at the same time you are doing your internship.
2. A research experience
3. An approved UMD course that focuses on experiential learning (see below)
4. A UMD study abroad course

The practicum is a hands-on, experiential, practical opportunity to put your leadership skills to work. This is typically in the form of an internship in your career field but could also be study abroad, the application of some on-campus leadership opportunities (QUEST, RA, TA, etc.), or sometimes a handful of approved classes on campus. Once you have decided which type of practicum you want to do (experiential course, internship, research, service, or study abroad), please meet with Kelly Brower (kbrower@umd.edu) to finalize your selection.



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Scholars in Public Leadership must register for the following:

1. College Park Scholars Colloquium I: Public Leadership

CPPL 100	Section 0101	Weds 4:00-5:15	1 credit
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2. Public Leaders and Active Citizens

PLCY 201S	Section 0101	TuTh 2:00–3:15	3 credits
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Note: students enrolling in **ENGL101** for the first semester are encouraged to select a Scholars only section, designated **ENGL101S**. These meet in the Cambridge Community Center and provide the opportunity to complete a course with peers in other Scholars programs.

Need more information?

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