**AY 23-24 COMP THEMES: QUARTER STUDENTS**

For quarter catalog followers, on exam day you will be required to answer two core questions and one integrative question. For semester catalog followers, on exam day you will be required to answer one core question, one concentration question, and one integrative question. Students can select their core class(es).   Quarter catalog followers may NOT answer Concentration questions.

*Note*: For quarter catalog followers, students taking the [Concentration in Public Financial Management](https://www.csusb.edu/mpa/master-public-administration-mpa/concentrations/concentration-public-financial-management) MUST answer the 6150 and 6630 questions, and students in the [Concentration in Leadership](https://www.csusb.edu/mpa/master-public-administration-mpa/concentrations/concentration-leadership) MUST answer the 6620 and 6640 questions. For semester catalog followers, students can choose any core class, however, they must answer the question for their concentration.

**PA 6030**

The proper use of surveys in applied public service organizational and community research.

**PA 6110**

Representative bureaucracy in contemporary public administration

**PA 6150**

Fiscal stress and local government

**PA 6500**

Governance and management of artificial intelligence.

**PA 6620**

The best practices in public service recruitment and candidate selection.

**PA 6630**

Equity and fairness in the allocation of resources.

**PA 6640**

The use of teams in public service provision

**PA 6720**

Doctrines determined by the Supreme Court with regard of due process, judicial deference, and justiciability

**PA 6800**

Internal and external stakeholder engagement and management in the policy process.

**Comprehensive Themes (Randomly assigned, issue/scenario-based)**

1. Competency: to lead and manage in public governance.

**Financial/political crisis management**

1. Competency: to participate in and contribute to the public policy process. **Policy brief development**
2. Competency: to analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions. **Decision analysis**
3. Competency: to articulate and apply a public service perspective. **Explaining public service to a layperson**
4. Competency: to communicate and interact productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry.  **Managing cultural conflict**