PADM 307
Ethics and the Responsible Local Government Professional
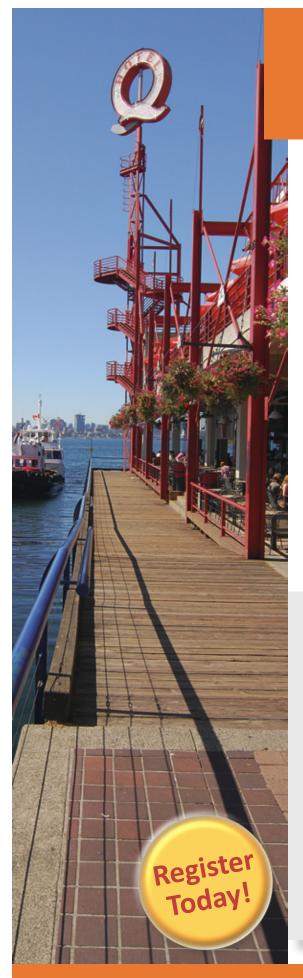
Fall 2023

Coming to North Vancouver!

Local Government managers at all levels are daily confronted by value conflicts, moral judgements, ethical dilemmas, ambiguity, and multiple lines of authority, reporting, and accountability. Typically, these challenges increase as one advances in one's career, but are inevitably faced to a greater or lesser degree by all those serving the public in a local government setting.

This course examines the role of local government professionals in establishing, applying, and maintaining ethical standards, integrity, civility, and decorum in public institutional processes and relationships. Current and emerging issues that impact the working environment of the responsible public servant will be considered and discussed.

This course will be of interest to all those seeking to advance their career in local government. It is intended for students who already have significant knowledge and experience with basic mandatory requirements, who wish to develop and expand their knowledge of governmental ethics. Students will learn and practice approaches and methods to respond and deal with identified ethical challenges in the field. The focus of the course will be primarily practical: utilizing case studies, real-life scenarios, group projects, seminar discussions, and role-playing to meet learning outcomes.

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Time and Place – Fall 2023

Two 3-day sessions: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
October 12, 13, 14 and November 16, 17, 18, 2023
Capilano University, Lonsdale Location,
250-125 Victory Ship Way, North Vancouver, BC

THE SESSIONS

Through this course you will learn how to:

- Apply the fundamentals of administrative ethics to the different types of responsibilities local government professionals have in the workplace.
- Analyze ethical issues as they relate to Council-staff relations and develop practical approaches to local government scenarios.
- Identify and analyse local, cultural, environmental, and societal pressures, biases, and forces that can contribute to unethical behaviour.
- Integrate ethical thought, evaluation, and assessment into situational analysis and decision-making.
- Critically analyze and evaluate practices, approaches, and perspectives related to local government ethical issues and create responses related to identified ethical challenges.
- Develop and apply practical strategies, including policies and guidelines, that strengthen the ethos of responsible behaviour for the field of local government and for local government professionals.

LEARN FROM EXPERTS IN THE FIELD

With instructor, **Jerry Berry**, BSc, MPA, Educator, Consultant and former City Manager, classes are being designed to be interactive, hands-on, and focused on your real-world issues.

REGISTRATION AND LOCATION

To register, complete the Student Information Form available at: www.capilanou.ca/local-govt/ and email form to localgovernment@capilanou.ca or for more information, contact **Jamie McEwan**, Chair, School of Public Administration – Local Government Programs, Capilano University, 604-314-7185, jamiemcewan2@capilanou.ca

FEES AND CREDITS

This three credit course may be taken as an elective for the Certificate and Advanced Certificate Programs in Local Government Administration at Capilano University. It is a **required** course for the Diploma and the **Local Government Leadership Development Certificate**. The course fee is approximately $1350 and includes all texts and materials. Funding assistance is available from the Board of Examiners, and the Local Government Management Association.

Register Today!

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