

PADM Local Government Programs Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 Courses

- **Please note that all courses are delivered over approximately 10 weeks. The course duration is not limited to the specific dates listed below. Some of the coursework is done at your own pace. Online courses are delivered in both synchronous (live classes) and asynchronous formats. Students can expect a 60-hour commitment.**

Fall 2026

Course and Instructor	Title <i>(Regional area/stream for continuing students)</i>	Location <i>(see 'Course Offering' below for details)</i>	Dates & Times <i>(In-person course times: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Students attend ALL course dates listed)</i>
PADM 200-01 Lisa Zwarn	Local Government Administration in BC <i>(Online Stream)</i>	Online	Live online class times: Three classes: Tuesdays 12:00-1:30 pm September 29, October 6 & 13
PADM 201-01 Jamie McEwan	Local Government Services in BC <i>(Online stream)</i>	Online	Live online class times: Six classes: Wednesdays 12:00-1:30 pm September 23; October 7, 14, & 28; November 4 & 18
PADM 201-02 Todd Pugh	Local Government Services in BC <i>(Vancouver Island Stream)</i>	Ocean Front Hotel, Cowichan Bay	September 24 & 25 October 22 & 23 November 19 & 20 <i>(Thursday-Friday sessions)</i>
PADM 203-01 Lisa Zwarn	Municipal Law in BC <i>(Kelowna Stream)</i>	Mixed Mode: Ramada, Kelowna AND Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person classes in Kelowna: September 23, 24 & 25 <i>(Wed-Fri session)</i> • Live online classes: Three classes: Mondays 12:00-1:30 pm October 5, 19 & 26
PADM 306-01 Jamie McEwan	Project Management Skills for Local Government Professionals <i>(Online stream)</i>	Online	Live online class times: Six classes: Thursdays 12:00-1:30 pm September 24, October 8, 22, 29, November 5 & 19

Course Offering Information:

- **All courses are open to both new and continuing students.** Students generally start/ continue with the stream/ course in their regional area. For course selection queries, please contact localgovernment@capilano.ca
- **Tuition Fees:** \$1275 per course (estimated, and includes tuition and texts)
- **In-person classes:** Students attend **all** dates listed for the course. Class times are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- **Mixed Mode classes:** Combines both in-person class sessions AND online sessions. **Students must attend BOTH the in-person class dates and 'live' online classes**
- **Online classes:** Includes both 'live' online classes and online self-paced learning. **Students must attend 'live' online classes**

Spring 2027 draft schedule

(January to April. Specific dates available September 2026)

Course	Title	Regional Area <i>(Delivery mode TBC)</i>
PADM 201	Local Government Services in BC	Online
PADM 202	Local Government Finance in BC	Vancouver Island Stream
PADM 202	Local Government Finance in BC	Kelowna
PADM 203	Municipal Law in BC	Online
PADM 209	Fundamentals of Local Government Corporate Administration	TBD
PADM 210	Management Fundamentals for LG Professionals	TBD

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- *Students seeking funding support may apply for scholarship funding through the Provincial Board of Examiners and Local Government Management Association websites.*

IN-PERSON COURSE:**What are the class times for the in-person courses?**

Classes start at 8:30 am and finish by 4:30 pm. Please see the Fall 2026 dates for exact course dates and locations. Students attend all listed in-person dates for a course.

ONLINE COURSE INFORMATION:**Will the course be completed in “live” classes online or through online self-paced learning?**

- **Both.** The times and dates of the “live” online classes are shown in the table on the first page. Some of the learning will also be completed by you at your own pace during the course. Your instructor will provide further information before the course starts on timing and assignments.
- Will online “live” sessions be recorded? **No. Students are expected to attend ALL ‘live’ online classes.**

When are the “live” online classes going to be held?

Note that all courses will require additional self-paced work by students each week:

- **PADM 200-01**, please see the ‘Dates & Times’ column of the Fall 2026 table on the previous page.
- **PADM 201-01**, please see the ‘Dates & Times’ column of the Fall 2026 table on the previous page.
- **PADM 306-01**, please see the ‘Dates & Times’ column of the Fall 2026 table on the previous page.

MIXED MODE COURSE INFORMATION:**What is mixed mode?**

- Mixed mode combines **both in-person** classes and “live” online sessions. **Students are expected to attend ALL in-person classes and ALL “live” online classes.**

Will the online sessions be completed in “live” classes online or through online self-paced learning?

- **Both.** Times and dates of the “live” online classes are shown in the table on the first page. Some of the online learning will also be completed on your own time and at your own pace during the course. Your instructor will provide further information before the course starts on timing and assignments.
- Will online “live” sessions be recorded? **No**

When are the in-person and “live” online classes going to be held?

Note that all courses will require additional self-paced work by students each week:

- **PADM 203-01:** please see the ‘Dates & Times’ column of the Fall 2026 table on the previous page.

GENERAL INFORMATION:**Can I take any class, and can I take more than one class?**

Yes, to both questions, provided the live online/in-person class dates do not conflict. However, we **strongly recommend** that new students take one course in their first term so they can get a sense of the work-life-school balance.

Note that online and mixed-mode courses require the same amount of work and effort as in-person courses, and you will have approximately 5-6 hours of coursework per week.

When can I register for classes?

- For courses starting in September 2026, registration begins early July 2026.
- For courses starting in January 2027, registration begins early November 2026.

Can I get on a class list early?

Yes. Contact localgovernment@capilanou.ca if you would like to be placed on a draft class list. This way, you will receive early notification to register for your course, and we can provide further information on how our programs can help you meet your career goals.

Do I have to take the courses in any particular order? No. You may take PADM courses in any order.

New students generally start with the next available course in their region. Our core courses (PADM 200, 201, 202 & 203) appear in each regional area in a specific rotating sequence. The program was designed so that, regardless of which course a student started with, if they continued taking a core course each term (fall and spring), they would see each of the core courses offered in their region over those 4 terms.



What equipment do I need to take a PADM online or mixed-mode course?

For online and mixed-mode courses, computer and internet access. Your computer should have speakers and a microphone (or you may want to use a headset with both). Cap U uses “eLearn” as our main online learning platform. WebEx, MS Teams and Zoom may be used for “live” online classes.

Will I get a textbook? Yes, all texts will be provided to you. For online courses, texts will be online or sent by mail. For in-person and mixed-mode courses, text will be distributed at the first class.

Can more than one person from a local government register for each course?

Yes. Note that for Board of Examiners scholarships (UBCM Commemorative), employers may endorse up to three employees per year.

What is the course cost, and what does it include?

Course fees are \$1275 per course (estimated) and include tuition, texts, and access to an online learning platform with course materials.

Is there financial assistance available? Yes, see the [Board of Examiners](#) and [LGMA](#) scholarship websites and [CapU Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards](#)

To earn the Certificate in Local Government Administration, how many courses are needed? Five in total.

There are FOUR mandatory courses:

- **PADM 200** – Local Government Administration in BC
- **PADM 201** – Local Government Services in BC
- **PADM 202** – Local Government Finance in BC
- **PADM 203** – Municipal Law in BC

ONE elective course is also required. Students may choose from one of the following:

- PADM 204** – MATI® Leadership in Local Government Organizations
- PADM 205** – MATI® Advanced Communications Skills for Local Government Professionals
- PADM 207** – MATI® Managing People in Local Government Organizations
- PADM 208** – MATI® Community Planning for Local Government Professionals
- PADM 209** – Fundamentals of Local Government Corporate Administration
- PADM 210** – Management Fundamentals for Local Government Professionals
- PADM 305** – Problem Solving and Decision Making Skills – Policy Analysis for Local Government Professionals
- PADM 306** – Project Management Skills for Local Government Professionals
- PADM 307** – Ethics and the Responsible Local Government Professional
- PADM 308** – MATI® The Successful CAO: Local Government Advanced Management

What credentials are offered beyond the Local Government Administration and Local Government Leadership Development Certificates? Students completing the Local Government Administration Certificate or the Local Government Leadership Development Certificate may wish to continue on to:

- **Local Government Administration Certificate (Advanced)**
- **Local Government Administration Diploma**

These credentials are best suited for students who wish to continue beyond the Local Government Administration Certificate or the Local Government Leadership Development Certificate level and:

- Are able to take courses offered in a 6-day in-person format (MATI® courses)
- Have taken other post-secondary courses that can be considered for transfer credit

Who is the Local Government Leadership Development Certificate for?

This certificate is designed for local government professionals with experience in a management or supervisory role, who are seeking to improve their leadership abilities and equip themselves for more senior positions. Please contact Talia Laberge for further information about this credential.

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