

(GPA-412) Theory and Practice of Local Governance

Pre-Requisites: None

Learning Objectives:

- To analyze issues in the management of local government, including the metropolitan and regional context
- To determine the evolving role of managers and special considerations in finance, reform, service delivery, economic development, and democracy at the local level.
- To review current societal trends affecting local communities and examine how these trends, and the roles and relationships of major stakeholders in local government, impact local policy decision-making and governmental administration.
- To develop skills in applying public administration principles and methods to managing policy and public organizational change.

Learning Outcomes:

After completing the course, students should be able to:

- Know how local government managers works and what are their functions
- Understand the management challenges faced by local public administrators in managing local government under the conditions of physical, economic, social, and political change.
- Understand the duties, responsibilities, and limitations of local governments.
- Explain the functions of municipalities and the scope of their authority.

Course contents:

Some of the topics to be included are

- History and evolution of local government systems in Pakistan
- The structure of local governments in Pakistan,
- The legal context and parameters
- Budgeting for policy and service delivery
- Public works and infrastructure crisis
- Public safety: Law enforcement and emergency management, Intergovernmental operations and the future of local governments

Recommended Text Books:

1. Newell, Charldean (Ed.). (1993). The effective local government manager (2nd Edition), Washington, D.C.: International City/County Management Association.
2. Pakistan's Section from Public Administration in South Asia India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan by CRC Press (SA)
3. Thomas J. Anton, American Federalism and Public Policy
4. Charles R. Kesler, ed. The Federalist Papers
5. Hasnat Abdul Hye (2001) Governance: South Asian Perspective. Oxford University Press, London.
6. Abdus Samad (1993) Governance, Economic Policy and Reform in Pakistan. Vanguard Book, Lahore.
7. Applied Economic Research Centre (AERC) (1990). Local Government Administration in Pakistan.
8. Local Government Ordinance (LGO) (2001).
9. Real-world cases and articles on today's local management issues in Pakistan, drawn from the most current and best available research and commentary in this field.