The Project Skills Workshop provides instruction and experience in several “professional skills” areas that have been identified by students, alums and employers as critical to success as a policy professional. This is a one-credit/pass-fail course. The course is required of all students enrolled in the Applied Policy Seminar (PP578); it is open as an elective to MPP and other Master’s students as well. Topics will rotate by semester. Fall 2010 topics will include:

1) Project Management: discuss concepts/challenges related to managing large scale projects in complex organizations; examine and evaluate several real-world project plans; design a project management strategy for a real project. Instructor: Marsha Ennis, Chief Administrative Officer, Aerotropolis Development Corporation.

2) Professional Presentations: discuss concepts/challenges related to designing and delivering effective oral presentations; evaluate presentations and presentation materials; design and deliver a short oral presentation, and receive feedback from faculty, staff and peers. Instructor: Patricia Russo, Ross School of Business MAP Communications Coach.

3) Collaboration and Group Dynamics: discuss concepts/challenges related to cooperation between organizations, with an emphasis on the public/governmental sector; examine several cases – both successful and unsuccessful – of organizational collaboration. Instructor: Robert Guenzel, Washtenaw County Administrator (retired).