

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Rigorous and comprehensive training in theory, concepts and research skills used in the scholarship of public administration, management and policy
- Preparation for careers in academia or leadership roles in organizations addressing public sector challenges
- Small classes taught by nationally renowned faculty who are active scholars in their fields
- Individualized faculty mentoring tailored to your academic and professional interests
- Convivial and supportive atmosphere dedicated to your success
- Appropriate for both full-time and part-time students

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REQUIRED COURSES

- Historical and Comparative Foundations of Public Administration
- Seminar in Public Management
- Seminar in Public Policy
- Seminar in Economic and Institutional Foundations of Public Affairs
- Seminar on the Conduct of Empirical Inquiry
- Quantitative Methods I
- Quantitative Methods II
- Qualitative Methods
- Plus 2 elective courses

UPON COMPLETION OF COURSEWORK

- Pass preliminary examination
- Present and defend a dissertation proposal
- Complete dissertation research
- Successfully defend a dissertation that makes a substantial contribution to the literature and theory of public management, public and policy, nonprofit studies, or criminology

CAREERS

- Tenure-Track, Research and Teaching Faculty Member
- University and Community College President
- Federal and State Agency Director and Program Head
- Public Policy Analyst
- Leadership Development Expert
- Private Consultant
- Nonprofit Executive Director

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

For excellent candidates, the School of Public Affairs will fund doctoral research assistantships each year based on financial availability. Students selected will receive a full-tuition waiver as well as a stipend for the academic year. Nearly all of our full-time doctoral students are funded their entire time at the School of Public Affairs as researchers or teachers, providing them with valuable hands-on preparation for future research and teaching careers. Other opportunities for funding may be available based on interests and background.



WAYS TO LEARN

In person, online, hybrid

Core courses must be completed in person.

APPLICATION DEADLINE



FALL
February 1

Last updated in January 2020.
Application deadlines subject to change.



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