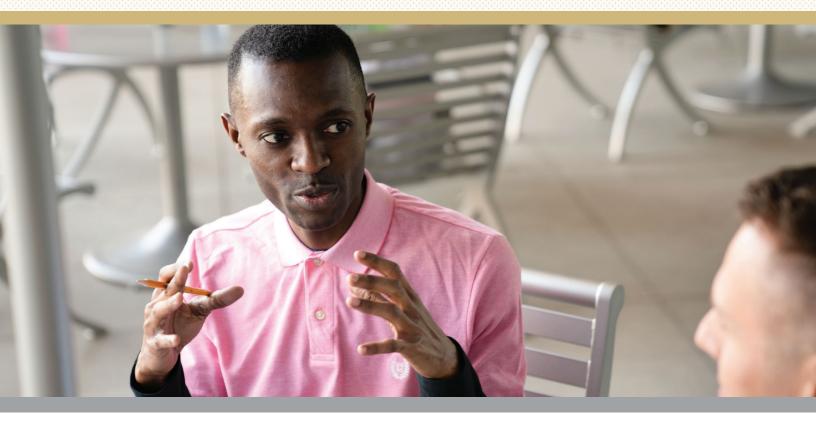
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs



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







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



WAYS TO LEARN In person, online, hybrid

Core courses must be completed in person.

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.



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