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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School of Public Affairs
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER
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.