

## Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Studies and Public Affairs

### INTRODUCTION

The PhD program in Urban Studies and Public Affairs integrates knowledge from a number of academic disciplines. The mission is to prepare scholars for research, teaching, and reflective practice in positions related to urban studies and public affairs in universities or public-policy organizations. Graduates of the PhD program are faculty members and practitioners throughout the United States and abroad.

### DEGREE PROGRAM

Through disciplinary integration, doctoral students analyze, design, test, and evaluate strategies for urban policy-making and management within the public and private sectors. Students complete a minimum of 66 credit hours of coursework, research and dissertation. Upon completion of coursework, students must pass a specialization area comprehensive exam prior to beginning the dissertation process.

### RESEARCH

Students in the program may take advantage of an internationally renowned faculty, through the specialization areas of

Public Administration, Economic Development, Housing and Neighborhood Development, Environmental Policy and Administration, and Communication, which is a newly established collaboration between the College of Urban Affairs and the School of Communication.



Program faculty publish in leading academic journals and are premier scholars in their fields. The College of Urban Affairs houses 15 unique research centers, which afford students the opportunity to become involved in applied research prior to graduation. Graduates of the PhD in Urban Studies and Public Affairs program join the faculty of prestigious colleges and universities in a wide range of disciplines.

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Six prerequisite courses provide students with a common foundation in statistics, research methods, public administration, policy analysis, urban spatial structures, and public finance and economics. Upon completion or waiver of prerequisites, all students complete four core courses: Urban Theory I, Frameworks of Inquiry, Urban Research Methods, and Quantitative Research Methods I; 20 credit hours of specialization coursework, and three elective courses. In the course of dissertation research, students complete a minimum of 18 credit hours of research and dissertation.

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