



Northeastern University

School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs



Ph.D. in Law & Public Policy

Why this graduate degree program may be for you

The Ph.D. in Law & Public Policy is an interdisciplinary public policy program that provides a comprehensive view of the policy making process and its outcomes. Our interdisciplinary focus means that students come from a variety of backgrounds. Students quickly find that engaging in a classroom with other students who hold degrees such as the M.B.A., J.D., M.P.H., or other social science degrees is quite an intellectually stimulating experience. Areas of policy emphasis include Health Policy, Sustainability and Climate Change, Crime, Law, and Justice, Labor Market Analysis, and Workforce Development Policy, and Urban Policy.

Many Law & Public Policy Ph.D. graduates have found tenure-track academic appointments. Others are well placed government or the court system or policy research positions.

What can you expect from the program

We distinguish the L.P.P. from other public policy programs in two ways. First, while many public policy programs are mostly applied economics, economics is only one part of our curriculum. Our hallmark course, Strategizing Public Policy, illustrates our approach to the discipline (see the syllabus on our web site). We use a case study method to analyze how policy is made at the local, state, and federal level through legislation, litigation, the ballot box, and civil action. Second, students interested in developing a more theoretical and empirical understanding of the law will appreciate our law and society focus.

Another unique aspect of the program is that students design their own interdisciplinary curriculum. After taking core courses in theory, research methodology and economics, students develop their own plan of study in their chosen policy field. Students take courses in the School of Law and other colleges at Northeastern. The law courses in the curriculum provide students with the foundation to conduct legal research, understand the legal aspects of their policy focus area and to understand how the courts make policy.

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Core Courses

- Introduction to Interdisciplinary Approaches to Policy and Advocacy
- Economics of Law and Regulation
- Introduction to Law and Legal Reasoning
- Research and Statistical Methods I
- Research and Statistical Methods II
- Strategizing Public Policy

Policy Focus Areas

- Health Policy
- Sustainability and Climate Change
- Crime, Law, and Justice
- Labor Market Analysis and Workforce Development Policy
- Urban Policy

Financial Aid and Scholarships

In addition to needs-based financial aid, a limited number of teaching and research assistantships and fellowships are available. We urge you to complete your application for admission as early as possible to be considered for these. Applications for financial aid are processed after students have been admitted into the program. For complete details, go to www.neu.edu/lpp/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid.

Admissions

Admissions to the Ph.D. in the Law & Public Policy program are for the fall semester only. All applications must be submitted online through www.neu.edu/lpp.

Application Deadline:

February 1st, 2012 for Fall Semester 2012

HOW TO APPLY

To apply to the Law & Public Policy Program, please submit:

- Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools attended
- GRE scores
- Personal statement
- Current resume
- Three letters of recommendation
- Application fee

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