The Delaware Difference:
Integrating Academic Excellence and Professional Experience

The School of Public Policy and Administration is a leader in the integration of classroom instruction, research and professional practice. The School is a diverse, socially conscious community of faculty and professionals committed to a combination of teaching, applied research, and best practice of their profession, attracting a diverse group of top quality students.

During your studies, you may work on your area of specialization with faculty and staff in one or more of our interdisciplinary research and public service centers.

- Center for Community Research and Service
- Center for Historic Architecture and Design
- Institute for Public Administration
- Center for Disability Studies
- Center for Disaster Research
- Delaware Education Research Development Center

Research assistantships provide students with the opportunity to broaden their educational experience.

Make A Real Difference...

With A Career in Urban Affairs and Public Policy

If you want to make a difference in the world, have an impact on your community, and build a rewarding career for yourself, a Master of Arts degree at the University of Delaware’s School of Public Policy and Administration is the first step in making a real difference!

Why Urban Affairs & Public Policy?
Urbanization affects all aspects of our lives, no matter where we live. We must understand the cycles of human communities and how they grow, mature and decline; how they impact our social, cultural, and economic life; and how they can be best shaped and managed to society’s gain.

Urban Affairs and Public Policy is comprised of two fields.

- Urban affairs focuses on how our urban society functions from an interdisciplinary, social science perspective.
- Public policy concentrates on what we do, or should do, to solve urban societal problems.

Creating sound public policy is a decision-making process ranging from helping communities set goals to undertaking long-range regional or national environmental planning. Urban Affairs and Public Policy provides you an understanding of how urban society works and how to design better public policies.

The M.A. Program at the University of Delaware

Our Master of Arts (M.A.) Program is a broad-based and flexible degree program, allowing students to pursue a wide range of domestic and international policy issues. Over half of the program’s 36 credit hours are selected by the student. Full-time students can complete the degree in a 2-year, 4 semester period. A part-time M.A. option is also available.

Areas of Focus
- Urban and Regional Planning
- Housing and Community Development
- Health Services Policy
- Nonprofits and Philanthropy
- Historic Preservation
- Media and Public Policy
- Self-Designed

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Admissions

Admission to the MA program requires a bachelor’s degree with a strong academic record, 3 letters of recommendation, GRE scores, TOEFL score (for foreign students), resume, personal statement, and a record of achievement in related work and volunteer experience. In addition, applicants must include a non-refundable application fee, and should complete a School of Public Policy and Administration Supplementary Information form. Preference is given to applicants who demonstrate a clear career interest in urban affairs or public policy.

The School of Public Policy and Administration offers the following academic programs:
- Master of Public Administration
- M.A. in Historic Preservation
- M.A. in Urban Affairs and Public Policy
- Ph.D. in Urban Affairs & Public Policy
- M.S. in Disaster Science and Management
- Ph.D. in Disaster Science and Management

Research Assistantships & Financial Aid

The School’s competitive research assistantships allow students to develop professional skills while earning their degree. Research assistants typically work 20 hours per week in one of the affiliated research and public service centers or in a public or nonprofit agency. Financial assistance is awarded on an annual, competitive merit basis and governed by the availability of funding.

Applying is Easy… Do it today!

Go to: http://www.sppa.udel.edu/gradoffice/apply/

We invite you to further explore the School of Public Policy and Administration. For more information or to apply, please visit www.sppa.udel.edu or contact us directly. We would be happy to speak with you.

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Our Commitment to Diversity

Today’s policy issues are interdisciplinary and multicultural. Addressing complex and dynamic problems depends on understanding, respect, appreciation and valuing different cultures, perspectives, and experiences.

The School of Public Policy and Administration is committed to offering its students an interdisciplinary and multi-cultural education. That commitment is expressed in the composition of our curriculum, our faculty and professional staff, and our student community.

Personal Attention

Students interact closely with faculty and staff on research and public service projects and instructors are readily available to meet with students. An Internship Coordinator helps students prepare for the challenges of internships. Flexibility is woven into the program, several areas of specialization are available. Upon consultation with faculty and approval of the program director, you can design an individual area of focus which matches both your interests and the expertise of faculty. There is a full calendar of social events, seminars and lectures by special guests. MA program participants have many opportunities to become involved in student activities.

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