

# Doctoral Program in Public Affairs



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- 68 students (60 percent full-time)
- International student body
- 165 graduates
- Assistantships and fellowships available
- Evening classes

## COURSEWORK INCLUDES:

- Foundations of Public Affairs
- Strategic Change and Management
- Social Inquiry and Public Policy
- Advanced Research Methodology
- Advanced Statistics I and II
- Mixed Research Methods
- Qualitative Methods
- Policy and Program Evaluation
- Community-based Research

For complete program requirements, see the UCF Graduate Catalog at

[ccie.ucf.edu/publicaffairs](http://ccie.ucf.edu/publicaffairs)

## INTERDISCIPLINARY PUBLIC AFFAIRS PH.D. AT UCF

### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

The interdisciplinary Public Affairs Ph.D. is organized around broad community-related social problems and emphasizes collaborative relationships across the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Situated in the new College of Community Innovation and Education, the doctoral program features representation from academic specialties including public administration, social work, health management, criminal justice and governance. In 2019, the program will be housed at UCF Downtown. The relocation of the doctoral program will expand its community-based focus and engagement with enhanced access to urban sites.

#### Interdisciplinary

Interdisciplinary refers to the study, or practice, of a topic that integrates or incorporates the methods and approaches of multiple disciplines. For example, while criminal justice, social work, public administration and health services management are clearly distinct disciplines, they can be amalgamated or integrated to understand one topic such as violence against women, health disparities or immigration. We recognize the approach to interrelated problems associated with crime and justice, health services, and social welfare delivery — as well as the administration of public agencies that deal with these problems — should be interdisciplinary and integrated.

#### Curriculum

The 60-credit doctoral curriculum comprises multiple core competencies designed to train next-generation scholars and practitioners to study social problems and to effectively communicate with academic- and practitioner-based constituencies. Full-time students enroll in nine hours per semester and part-time students enroll in six hours per semester. All courses are offered face-to-face during the evenings from 6:00 to 8:50 p.m. Students may vary their plan of study to move from full-time to part-time or vice versa, if necessary.

#### Faculty

The program includes a distinguished group of senior faculty who are interested in fostering collaborative and transdisciplinary perspectives to solve societal issues and problems. As a global program, the Ph.D. in Public Affairs has produced more than 30 international graduates from multiple countries such as China, South Korea, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Armenia, South Africa, Taiwan and Ethiopia.

#### Financial Support

The doctoral program offers graduate assistantships, including tuition waivers. In addition, UCF and the College of Community Innovation and Education offer scholarships and fellowships, including the McKnight Doctoral Fellowship for African-American and Hispanic students.

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## Student Research

The doctoral program has an interdisciplinary foundational perspective (e.g., social justice, poverty, public policy, and governance). As a result, a starting point for scholarly work includes inquiry into the sources and indicators of inequality across economic, educational, health, criminal justice and political institutions. Doctoral students investigate social problems through quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods such as health disparities, complex aging and long-term care issues, poverty, human trafficking, mass incarceration, gun violence, and violence against women. We provide a high-quality interdisciplinary doctoral-level education that enables students to assess, plan, implement and evaluate public affairs issues, policies and programs using traditional and nontraditional approaches to resolve social problems.

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## WHERE CAN I GET A JOB?

Public affairs doctoral graduates find positions in a variety of industries, including education and healthcare. Many are employed as professors, instructors and administrators at private, state, and international universities and colleges. Others work as executives and analysts in public and private health care organizations.

Graduates also work for nonprofits, law enforcement and social service agencies, private firms, and local, state and federal government within the United States and within regional government agencies abroad. They secure positions as directors, research analysts, project managers, evaluators, grant writers and officials, to name a few.

## WHERE GRADUATES WORK

### Academia

Florida International University  
Fox School of Business and Management  
Mississippi State University  
Penn State University  
San Diego State University  
Tarleton State University  
Texas A&M International University  
Tulane University  
University of Central Florida  
University of Texas

### Health Care

Adventist Health System  
ENIGMA Health Care  
Moffitt Cancer Center

### Public Service, Governance, and Nonprofit Agencies

Brevard Homeless Coalition  
Brevard Sheriff's Office  
District Governor at Turkish Ministry of Interior  
Planned Parenthood  
Rural Health Research Group  
Veteran's Administration

## DID YOU KNOW?

Post-secondary teaching and combined research and teaching positions are expected to increase by 19 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than average for all occupations, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics.