

# Public Policy, PhD

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This is an interdisciplinary social science program that combines several social science and legal theoretical perspectives with both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies. The wide-ranging faculty in the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs can support students' research and dissertations in many fields—urban policy and regional economic development; sustainability and climate change; health policy; crime, social justice, and inequality; and the intersection of law and policy. Students work with faculty members to formulate a plan of study within their field of concentration by choosing courses from graduate programs offered in the policy school, the College of Social Sciences and Humanities, and in other colleges and schools at Northeastern University. Students also study a common body of knowledge developed in core courses on policy, research methods, and law. The school's research centers and faculty members' research projects provide opportunities for students to develop insight, experience, and synergies to help with their own research goals. The college and school offer a high level of support allowing all students to be devoted full-time to their studies and research.

## Doctoral Degree Candidacy

Complete all required course work with a minimum 3.500 grade-point average (GPA) in the core courses and pass the comprehensive examinations. Students entering without a JD or master's degree must complete 55 semester hours.

## Program Requirements

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

## Milestones

Comprehensive examination  
Seminars  
Annual review  
PhD candidacy  
Dissertation committee  
Dissertation proposal  
Dissertation defense

## Core Requirements

A grade of B+ or higher is required in each course.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Seminar</b>		
POLS 7204	Seminar in Public Policy	4
PPUA 7976	Directed Study	1-4

## Research and Statistical Methods

INSH 6500	Statistical Analysis	4
INSH 6302	Qualitative Methods	4
INSH 6300	Research Methods in the Social Sciences	4

## Advanced Methods

Complete one of the following. An additional concentration elective may be taken in lieu of the advanced methods elective:

INSH 7500	Advanced Quantitative Analysis	
or INSH 7600	Advanced Methodological and Quantitative Techniques	

## Experiential Research Residency

A PhD research residency or waiver is required.

Code	Title	Hours
PPUA 9980	Experiential PhD Research Residency	0

## Concentrations

Complete one of the following concentrations:

- Sustainability and Resilience (p. 1)
- Health Policy and Management (p. 2)
- Urban and Regional Policy (p. 2)

## SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

Code	Title	Hours
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### Seminar

PPUA 7511

### Law Requirement

Complete 3 semester hours from the following: 3

LW 7329	Environmental Law	
LW 7494		
LW 7514		
LW 7580		

### Electives

Complete 24 semester hours from the following: 24

CIVE 7110	Critical Infrastructure Resilience	
LPSC 7312	Cities, Sustainability, and Climate Change	
POLS 7333	Science, Technology, and Public Policy	
POLS 7341	Security and Resilience Policy	
POLS 7704	Critical Infrastructure Resilience	
PPUA 7234	Land Use and Urban Growth Policy	
PPUA 7237	Advanced Spatial Analysis of Urban Systems	
PPUA 7249	Urban Coastal Sustainability	
PPUA 7336	Social Capital and Resilience	
PPUA 7346	Resilient Cities	
PPUA 7976	Directed Study	
SOCL 7230	Political Ecology of Global Capitalism	
SOCL 7267	Environment, Health, and Society	

**HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Seminar</b>		
PPUA 7247	Seminar in U.S. Health Policy and Management	4
<b>Health Organization</b>		
HRMG 6220	Health Organization Management	3
<b>Business Elective</b>		
Complete 3 semester hours from the following:		3
STRT 6220	Strategic Management for Healthcare Organizations	
SCHM 6223	Managing Healthcare Supply Chain Operations	
FINA 6220	Healthcare Finance	
<b>Law Requirement</b>		
LW 7335	Health Law	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Complete a minimum of 18 semester hours from the following:		18
ECON 7200	Topics in Applied Economics	
PPUA 6509	Techniques of Program Evaluation	
PPUA 7244	Comparative Public Policy and Administration	
PPUA 7240	Health Policy and Politics	
PPUA 7243	International Development Administration and Planning	
SOCL 7243	Sociology of Health and Illness	
SOCL 7267	Environment, Health, and Society	
SOCL 7287	Social Movements in Health	
PHTH 6000-9999	(public health elective, by advisement)	

**URBAN AND REGIONAL POLICY**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Seminar</b>		
PPUA 7521		
<b>Law Requirement</b>		
LW 7655	Advancing Economic and Social Equity through Municipal Policy and Law	2
<b>Electives</b>		
Complete 24 semester hours from the following:		24
SOCL 7221	Globalization, Development, and Social Justice	
SOCL 7227	Race and Ethnic Relations	
SOCL 7235	Urban Sociology	
SOCL 7268	Globalization and the City	
CRIM 7230	Police and Society	
CRIM 7264	Immigration and Crime	
CRIM 7270	Crime and Community Context	
CRIM 7316	Advanced Topics in Methods	
ARCH 5210	Environmental Systems	
ECON 7210	Applied Microeconomic Policy Analysis	
ECON 7240	Workshop in Applied Econometrics	
ECON 7250	International Economic Development	
ECON 7260	Urban Economic Systems	
ECON 7261	Urban Economic Development	
ECON 7262	Regional Economic Theory	

ECON 7266	Economics of Government
ECON 7270	Economics of Law and Regulation
ECON 7740	Applied Econometrics 2
ECON 7763	Labor Market Analysis
LPSC 7215	Advanced Quantitative Techniques
POLS 7325	Contemporary Issues in Third World Development
POLS 7334	Social Networks
PPUA 6201	The 21st-Century City: Urban Opportunities and Challenges in a Global Context
PPUA 6204	Urban Development and Politics
PPUA 6509	Techniques of Program Evaluation
PPUA 6525	Institutions and Public Policy
PPUA 7237	Advanced Spatial Analysis of Urban Systems
PPUA 7976	Directed Study

**Exam and Dissertation**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Exam Prep</b>		
Only needed for PhD students who have completed all course work but have not yet passed the comprehensive exam. Not repeatable.		
LPSC 8960		
<b>Dissertation</b>		
Complete the following (repeatable) course twice:		
LPSC 9990	Dissertation	
<b>Dissertation Continuation</b>		
Following completion of two semesters of LPSC 9990, registration in the following class is required in each semester (excluding summers) until the dissertation is completed:		
LPSC 9996	Dissertation Continuation	

**Program Credit/GPA Requirements**

55 total semester hours required  
Minimum 3.500 GPA required