

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University is one of the top ten urban affairs schools in the nation. The College is ranked second in the graduate specialty of city management and urban policy in *U.S. News and World Report's* 1998, 2002 and 2005 issues of "America's Best Graduate Schools."

The College offers thirteen degree programs that equip students with the technical and management skills needed to launch careers in fields such as public management, planning, public safety, historic preservation, environmental studies, economic development, and housing.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Cleveland State University is a comprehensive metropolitan university committed to providing an education of high quality to students with diverse backgrounds, experiences, interests, and needs. The downtown campus offers degrees in 117 undergraduate and graduate programs that include arts and sciences, business administration, engineering, education, law, and urban affairs and provides professional certificate and continuing education programs. More than 16,000 students attend Cleveland State.

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PHD PROGRAM MISSION AND GOALS

The mission of the Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Studies and Public Affairs program 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.

The goals of the program are:

- To graduate scholars who possess a strong methodological foundation within the field of urban studies and public affairs together with an in-depth knowledge that enables them to recognize, identify, and articulate the frontiers of scholarship in a specialization.
- To graduate scholars able to construct, execute and present scholastically sound, independent research of either a theoretical or applied nature that expands the frontiers of knowledge within the field of urban studies and public affairs.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Career opportunities for individuals receiving a Ph.D. in interdisciplinary urban affairs programs are expanding. The demand for urban and public affairs Ph.D.'s in the traditional academic market continues. Ph.D.'s are also in demand in the corporate and nonprofit sectors.

Levin College Ph.D. graduates hold positions at:

- Universities
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Local governments
- Architectural Design and Planning Firms
- Private Sector Regional Economic Development Organizations
- Private Consulting Firms
- Urban Redevelopment and Construction Companies

COURSE OF STUDY



The Ph.D. program of study consists of:

- Coursework
- Comprehensive exams
- Dissertation

The Ph.D. program coursework consists of:

- Core courses
- Concentration area
- Electives

When applying for the Ph.D. in Urban Studies and Public Affairs program, applicants choose an area of concentration. Available specializations are:

- Economic Development
- Environmental Policy and Administration
- Housing and Neighborhood Development
- Public Administration
- Urban Human Services Administration

STUDENT RESEARCH

Past student dissertations have included:

- *Have regions in the United States become more similar or dissimilar? An examination of income and earnings convergence of metropolitan areas (1969–1995)*
- *On becoming marginal: The state and the citizen*
- *New public management's administrative technologies and procedural due process: Searching for justice*
- *Public administration and business administration: Do they differ in their perceptions of academic values?*
- *Estimation of urban residential housing prices in the context of a monopolistic competitive market structure*
- *Limits of reason in public administration theory*
- *A public choice perspective on the public subsidization of private industry*

ADMISSIONS

The Ph.D. Program in Urban Studies and Public Affairs only admits students for Fall Semester. Both undergraduate and graduate grade point averages are considered in determining eligibility for admission.

Applicants are expected to have earned a minimum combined score of 1,050 on the quantitative and verbal sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) plus at least 4.0 on the Analytical Writing section. Beyond the application requirements of the Graduate College, an applicant also must submit a writing sample, preferably a recently graded research paper, two letters of recommendation, and a statement of purpose for seeking a Ph.D. in Urban Studies and Public Affairs.

International applicants whose native language is other than English, and who received their undergraduate and/or graduate degree(s) outside of the United States, must demonstrate proof of English-language proficiency. Minimum score requirements for admission to the program are as follows: TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of at least 17 in Reading, Speaking and Listening and a minimum score of 14 in Writing on the internet-based TOEFL (iBT), 525 on the paper-based test (197 on the computer-based TOEFL), or 85 on the MELAB (Michigan English Language Assessment Battery). International students should contact the Center for International Services and Programs (CISP) at (216) 687-3910 for information on special admission requirements.

For more information:

<http://urban.csuohio.edu/academics/graduate/phd.shtml>



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