



PhD in PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

RIGOROUS, SUPPORTIVE, COLLABORATIVE

The PhD in Public Administration at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) creates a supportive, collaborative, and rigorous environment for students who will develop their intellectual identities and a comprehensive understanding of the field with a range of research traditions.

Through the PhD program, students are empowered to establish a strong intellectual identity. They will be introduced to different knowledge traditions and become thoroughly immersed in the discourse of public administration and its integration of theory and practice.

We foster a culture of openness where the process of knowledge creation among students is a common enterprise.

As our students move through the program, they have the opportunities to teach and to work one-on-one with faculty. When they graduate, they are prepared to understand and help solve public problems as an academic or as a practitioner.

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DOCTORAL PROGRAM OF STUDY

The doctoral program curriculum is comprised of academic work, field exams, a dissertation proposal and finally, the doctoral dissertation. By the numbers, there are seven core seminars, four advanced research seminars, two specialization courses, and two professional skills development workshops; one in teaching and one in research.

7 | CORE SEMINARS

Courses include foundations of public administration, knowledge development and use, environment of public administration, and advanced management theory.

2 | SPECIALIZATION COURSES

The PhD in Public Administration offers specializations in five areas. Students choose two courses in Public and Nonprofit: **Policy Technology & Data Analytics Budgeting & Finance Theory Management**

4 | ADVANCED RESEARCH COURSES

Courses include quantitative methods, qualitative methods and advanced research design.

2 | PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

A team of faculty facilitates discussions on topics related to teaching, research, publishing and job search skills.

JOB PLACEMENTS

Graduates of the PhD program include faculty, practitioners, and leaders locally and abroad. Recent placements include:

Bowling Green State University
Nebraska Children and Families Foundation

Florida International University
University of Colorado Denver

University of Alabama
University of Montana

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

APPLY ONLINE

Apply at apply.unomaha.edu

SEND OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

International applicants who have completed coursework at international higher education institutions are required to submit a transcript evaluation, following acceptance.

INCLUDE A RESUME

TAKE THE TOEFL/IELTS (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)

TOEFL minimum score of 557 (or 233 on computer based test of 90 on internet test)
Or: minimum IELTS score of 6.5, a minimum Pearson score of 61, or Duolingo score of 110 or higher

SUBMIT A STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (ESSAY)

In a five-page statement of intent, describe the following:
The career you wish to pursue after completion of the PhD
Desired area of specialization
Faculty with whom you would like to work
Explanation of academic and professional backgrounds and interests

SUBMIT WRITING SAMPLES

Academic or professional writing sample (such as a term paper, thesis, conference paper, evaluation report, or published work)
1-page abstract summarizing the contents of the writing sample

SUBMIT THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Provide the names and email addresses of three individuals who can address your qualifications for graduate study.
The recommenders will be sent an online recommendation form to complete. At least two recommendations must be academics.

PAY THE APPLICATION FEE

APPLICATION DEADLINES

FOR APPLICANTS SEEKING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: **JAN. 15**
ALL OTHER APPLICANTS: **MARCH 15**



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