Introduction

Graduate School Policies and Procedures (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/graduate-school-policies-procedures/) apply to this program.

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The Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs program addresses the demand for scholarship in public administration, public policy, public management, and criminal justice/criminology. The program develops the conceptual, research, and analytic skills and knowledge of its students so that they will be able to advance the study and practice of public affairs in their subsequent careers. The PhD prepares its graduates for positions in academia and consulting firms, public management and administration, public policy analysis, politics and advocacy, and nonprofits.

Time Required for the PhD Degree

The PhD program requires an intense commitment. Most core courses are offered during the late afternoon or early evenings. On average, students take 4 to 6 years to complete all of the requirements for the PhD.

PhD Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following items before they can be considered for admission. The application deadline is February 1 for domestic applicants and January 15 for international applicants. Admitted students usually begin in the fall semester.

- Application form
- Official transcripts (two copies) from all degree-granting institutions
- GRE scores (no more than five years old)
- A resume or curriculum vita
- Three letters of reference attesting to a candidate's academic promise
- A well-articulated statement of purpose demonstrating an understanding of the research orientation of the degree and a strong motivation and determination to successfully complete the program

All these items are taken into consideration in admitting applicants into the PhD Program.

Applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit TOEFL or IELTS scores. This requirement may be waived for applicants who have completed a baccalaureate or graduate-level degree program at an English-speaking college or university. In addition, applicants whose native language is not English might be required to participate in an oral interview.

Financial Assistance

The School of Public Affairs will fund a small number of doctoral research assistantships each year based on financial availability and qualifications of the applicant.

Program Requirements

- Students must complete a total of 30 credit hours of coursework and 30 credit hours of dissertation work.
- Students may complete the degree full time or part time.