



## Master's in Law, Policy and Society

### Why this graduate degree program may be for you

The master's degree (MS) in Law, Policy and Society is an interdisciplinary public policy program that prepares students for careers in government, non-profit and legal organizations, and research. If you are looking for a public policy program that is more than applied economics, you will appreciate our focus on strategizing public policy. LPS examines law, legal institutions, and public policy from an Interdisciplinary social science perspective. Students examine a full range of strategies for creating policy change, including legislation, litigation, the ballot box, and civil action. Students engage in policy analysis and applied research that develops real-world solutions to public policy challenges.

### What can you expect from the program

Students begin with core courses in theories of public policy, research methodology, law, and economics. Then each student develops a unique plan of study in his or her chosen policy fields. Students leave the program with solid theoretical grounding in public policy, a toolkit of research methodologies, and expertise in one or more policy areas. Students receive individualized advising from a faculty member in their policy focus area who can guide them in developing a curriculum and planning a career. Our students come from a wide variety of backgrounds and typically have several years of work experience making the classroom environment especially rich.

### Curriculum

Master's candidates are required to successfully complete 32 semester hours of graduate coursework. One elective must be taken in the Law School. Credits cannot be double counted toward a law degree.

Students may enroll in the program on a part-time or full-time basis. Full-time students can expect to complete the degree program in two academic years; part-time students in three years.

All courses are offered during the evenings in order to accommodate students who are still working full-time during the day.

### CORE FACULTY

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## Core Courses

- Introduction to Law, Policy and Society
- Introduction to Economic Analysis for Law, Policy, and Planning
- Introduction to Law and Legal Reasoning
- Research and Statistical Methods I
- Research and Statistical Methods II
- Theories in Law, Policy and Society
- Strategizing Public Policy

## Sample Areas of Emphasis

- Health Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Crime, Law, and Justice
- Labor Markets, Education and Workforce Development
- Urban Policy
- Culture, Race and Gender Policy

## Financial Aid and Scholarships

In addition to needs-based financial aid, a limited number of tuition discounts and scholarships are available. We urge you to complete your application for admission as early as possible. Applications for financial aid are processed after students have been admitted into the program. For complete details, go to [www.policyschool.neu.edu/education/masters\\_urban/financial\\_aid](http://www.policyschool.neu.edu/education/masters_urban/financial_aid).

## Admissions

Admissions to the MS in Law, Policy and Society program are for the fall semester only. All applications must be submitted online through [www.lps.neu.edu](http://www.lps.neu.edu).

**Application Deadline:**  
August 1, 2010 for Fall Semester 2010

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply to the Law, Policy and Society program, please submit:

- Completed application
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools attended
- Personal statement
- Current resume
- Three letters of recommendation
- Application fee
- GRE General Scores

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