



Northeastern University

School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs



Master's in Urban & Regional Policy

Why this graduate degree program may be for you

Cities and their metropolitan regions face a growing array of economic, social, environmental and political challenges within the context of an increasingly complex and integrated global economy. Students in the Master's in Urban & Regional Policy program study and develop real-world solutions to these challenges. They engage in ongoing research and provide technical assistance on the important urban issues of our time – housing, resource sustainability, infrastructure, transportation, and economic opportunity for residents – in Boston and in cities across the nation and the world.

What can you expect from the program

The Master's in Urban & Regional Policy program combines training in sophisticated analytical skills with a thorough understanding of how cities and regions work so that graduates can fill key research and policymaking positions in public, nonprofit and private sector institutions. Program graduates will be part of the next generation of key strategists in urban and regional policymaking, leaders with the ability to analyze global economic, technological and social trends, develop effective policy responses, and move those policies toward implementation.

Curriculum

The program requires successful completion of 42 semester hours of credit (typically 14 courses), with 24 credits in eight required "core courses" and 18 credits in elective courses.

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.

CORE FACULTY

Barry Bluestone

Chris Bosso

Laurie Dopkins

Joan Fitzgerald

Paul Harrington

Alan Clayton-Matthews

Richard O'Bryant

Stephanie Pollack

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



Core Courses

- The 21st Century City: Urban Opportunities & Challenges
- Urban and Regional Development and Planning
- Applied Economic Policy
- Research Design and Methodology
- Strategizing Public Policy
- Program Evaluation
- Research Toolkit: GIS, Survey Methods, Cost-Benefit and Qualitative Methods
- Capstone in Urban and Regional Policy

Sample Areas of Emphasis

- Environment, Energy and Transportation
- Local/regional Economic Development
- Education and Youth Development
- Workforce Development
- Public Finance
- Public Safety and Criminal Justice
- Sustainability and Urban Design
- Urban Health and Social Welfare

Financial Aid and Scholarships

In addition to needs-based financial aid, a limited number of scholarships are available. We urge you to complete your application for admission as early as possible. Your application for financial aid will only be processed after you have been admitted into the program. For complete details, go to www.policyschool.neu.edu/education/masters_urban/financial_aid.

Admissions

Admissions to the Master's in Urban and Regional Policy program are on a rolling basis throughout the year. All applications must be submitted online through www.policyschool.neu.edu.

Application Deadlines:

December 1, 2009 for Spring Semester 2010
August 1, 2010 for Fall Semester 2010

HOW TO APPLY

To apply to the Master's in Urban and Regional Policy program, please submit:

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

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