

Law and Policy

DOCTORATE

Northeastern University
College of Professional Studies

Leaders working in government, for-profit, and nonprofit sectors face an increasingly complicated legal and public policy landscape that requires specialized analytical and critical thinking abilities.

Northeastern's Doctor of Law and Policy programs engage students in advanced coursework that develops the legal reasoning, research, and policy analysis skills necessary for success.

By examining the three key themes of law, research, and policy, you will be prepared to tackle practical challenges in your field with a multidisciplinary approach.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Flexible, hybrid formats allow you to take classes online and participate in on-campus residencies, perfect for the working professional.

Cohort learning model helps students to cultivate a network of friends and colleagues from a multitude of industries, ages, and experiences.

Two program options to fit your needs: Choose between the Executive, two-year program format with Boston residencies or the three- to six-year program with residencies in Seattle.

Online classes have residencies in either Seattle or Boston.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students who complete the program will be able to:

Create and execute a plan of inquiry to analyze and address public policy issues.

Craft recommendations, strategies, and arguments capable of influencing global issues in law and public policy.

Analyze the impact of political, economic, and social trends on the processes of making and changing laws and policies.

CURRICULUM OUTLINE

Classes will address:

- Legal Theory
- Research Methods
- Historical Foundations of American Law
- Current Political Debates
- Law and Legal Reasoning
- Economics for Policy Analysis
- Political Ethics
- Policy Evaluation
- Public Policy Theory and Analysis
- Doctoral Research Design
- Communicating Academic Research

Total Degree Requirements (69 quarter hours)

- On average, students complete the Doctor of Law and Policy degree (Seattle and Charlotte) in three to six years or the Executive Doctor of Law and Policy (Boston) in two years.



I chose Northeastern's DLP program to get exposure to U.S. and foreign policy makers. The in-person and not purely online elements also added value. As scholars it is critical that classrooms and shared thoughts be part of the curriculum."

Scott Smith, Doctor of Law and Policy '20



About Northeastern University College of Professional Studies

The College of Professional Studies is one of nine colleges of Northeastern University, a nationally ranked private research university in Boston, Massachusetts. Founded in 1960, the College of Professional Studies provides lifelong experiential learning that unleashes the capacities of aspiring individuals in all stages and walks of life. The college teaches undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students on campus and online in more than 90 programs.

Northeastern University

Founded in 1898, Northeastern is a global research university and the recognized leader in experiential lifelong learning. Our approach of integrating real-world experience with education, research, and innovation empowers our students, faculty, alumni, and partners to create worldwide impact.

Our global university system provides our community and academic, government, and industry partners with unique opportunities to think locally and act globally. The system—which includes 13 campuses across the U.S., U.K., and Canada, 300,000-plus alumni, and more than 3,500 partners worldwide—serves as a platform for scaling ideas, talent, and solutions.

Northeastern's personalized, experiential undergraduate and graduate programs lead to degrees through the doctorate in 10 colleges and schools across our campuses. Learning emphasizes the intersection of data, technology, and human literacies, uniquely preparing graduates for careers of the future and lives of fulfillment and accomplishment.

Our research enterprise, with an R1 Carnegie classification, is solutions oriented and spans the world. Our faculty scholars and students work in teams that cross not just disciplines, but also sectors—aligned around solving today's highly interconnected global challenges and focused on transformative impact for humankind.