

School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy and Political Economy



Curriculum

Our nationally recognized, interdisciplinary PhD in Public Policy and Political Economy degree program offers training opportunities for doctoral students from internationally renowned faculty. The mission of the program is to prepare our students for professional positions in research, teaching, and practice in fields related to public policy and political economy, in both academic and nonacademic settings. We prepare students through instruction in social science and public policy concepts, advanced methodological knowledge, applied social research techniques and professional communication skills. PPPE students and faculty are encouraged to promote an inclusive and diverse environment that is committed to continued scholarship and service.



Career Options

Graduates of the program seek positions such as: academics and researcher, policy analysts, government officials, consultants in development policy, foreign and security policy, public administration and public policy.

Degree Program

The PhD in Public Policy and Political Economy must successfully complete 75 semester credit hours minimum beyond the baccalaureate degree, pass the Methods Qualifying Examination in Quantitative Methods and Research Design (MQE), and write and defend a doctoral dissertation that makes an original contribution of knowledge.

In addition to completing the core coursework, students must take two courses in two of the following fields:

- Development
- International Conflict and Security
- International Political Economy
- Social and Health Policy
- Business, Technology, and Innovation

Finally, they take two additional courses in their area of specialization and three additional methods courses, past the MQE. For complete admission and degree requirements, view the Graduate Catalog at catalog.utdallas.edu.

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