The Ph.D. is a 63-credit degree program offered by the Department of Public Policy and Administration that consists of interdisciplinary coursework and culminates in a doctoral dissertation. The curriculum is designed to give students a strong theoretical grounding in the interdisciplinary nature of public affairs and community development by incorporating courses from the DPPA, the law school, and the business school at Rutgers–Camden. The campus offers a variety of research opportunities and resources including the Rutgers–Camden Technology Campus business incubator, Senator Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs, Community Leadership Center, the LEAP Academy University charter schools, and the Center for Urban Research and Education.

The required courses ensure that students develop an understanding of community development across levels of analysis, government, and the connections among governments and private and non-profit organizations. Robust research methods requirements allow students to cultivate keen research skills to successfully compete in the job market inside and outside academia. Elective courses expand the interdisciplinary aspect of the program providing students with the opportunity to tailor the program to their research and professional interests. Graduate students in public affairs have been awarded a variety of internal and external grants and fellowships. Many regularly present at regional, national, and international conferences and publish in a variety journals and edited books.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
Applicants who have completed a master’s degree are preferred; however, students with a bachelor’s degree and outstanding credentials are eligible to apply.

- Online application (gradstudy.rutgers.edu/apply/overview)
- A transcript of all undergraduate and graduate coursework completed or in progress and at least two courses in statistics, research methods, and/or economics
- Three letters of recommendation that indicate potential for success in the Ph.D. program
- Personal statement indicating your motivation to earn a Ph.D., what assets you will bring to the class, a description of your background and experience, and how a Ph.D. will benefit your future
- Résumé (including relevant professional experience)
- Writing sample
- Test scores (GRE preferred, LSAT and GMAT accepted)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
The Graduate School offers competitive funding opportunities in the form of fellowships, scholarships, and tuition remission awards. These awards are determined by the graduate department’s admissions committee and do not require an additional application. The public affairs program awards several graduate assistant positions each year, and awards are determined by the department’s admissions committee. No additional application is necessary to be considered for these positions.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
63 total credits

Core Curriculum (11 courses/33 credits)
Theory Courses (two courses/six credits)
Methods Courses (five courses/15 credits)
Content Courses (four courses/12 credits)
Elective Courses (six courses/18 credits)
Two School of Law courses from an approved list
One School of Business course from an approved list
Any three additional graduate courses selected from law, business, public affairs, economics, sociology, or other department approved by the program director.

Dissertation (12 credits)
Dissertation committees will consist of a minimum of three members: at least one faculty member from the department of public policy and administration, who will serve as chair, and preferably one from the schools of law or business. One member of the committee may be from outside the university, either from another university, government agency, or non-profit organization.

FACULTY AND RESEARCH AREA

• Gloria Bonilla-Santiago (Ph.D., City University of New York) Board of Governors Distinguished Service Professor; director, Community Leadership Center | school leadership and community development
• Marie Isabelle Chevrier (Ph.D., Harvard University) professor; department chair | arms control policy, international negotiations conflict and conflict resolution
• Stephen Danley (Ph.D., Oxford University) assistant professor | qualitative methods, social policy, urban neighborhoods and governance
• Maureen M. Donaghy (Ph.D., University of Colorado) assistant professor | international development, civil society, participatory governance, urban politics and Latin America
• Michael Javen Fortner (Ph.D., Harvard University) assistant professor | American political development and political philosophy, race, ethnicity, and social class
• Christopher Goodman (Ph.D., University of Georgia) assistant professor | local public finance, public financial management, economic development, urban policy
• Richard A. Harris (Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania) professor | government/business relations, regulatory policy, environmental policy
• Paul Jargowsky (Ph.D., Harvard University) professor; director, Center for Urban Research and Education | inequality, concentration of poverty, segregation, education and economic mobility
• Margo Kaplan (J.D., York University) assistant professor | law and public policy, health, sexuality, criminal law, LGBTQ law and policy, feminism and the law
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