The PhD in Public Affairs program is a rigorous, research-oriented degree offered through the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences.

The skills and knowledge gained in the Public Affairs doctoral program will allow students to interface between the traditions of public management, public policy and organizations, while providing a strong theoretical and a practical appreciation for the challenges of maintaining and building institutions of governance and a civic culture in a complex democratic world.

Graduates of the PhD program will be prepared for research-oriented careers in academia, policy analysis, executive public and nonprofit management.

**Program Description**
The PhD in Public Affairs requires 54 semester credit hours minimum beyond the 36 semester credit hours of the master's degree. For complete admission and degree requirements, view the Graduate Catalog at catalog.utdallas.edu.

**Career Opportunities**
Graduates of the program seek positions such as: professor, researcher and policy advisor in government sector.

** Marketable Skills**
Upon successful completion of a PhD in Public Affairs, UT Dallas graduates will not only develop academic expertise in research and teaching, but also skills appropriate for careers in governmental or nonprofit public service. Students possess advanced oral, written, and statistical skills, and include the following skill sets:

- Advanced conceptual and theoretical training, through a rigorous core doctoral curriculum, in the principal areas of public and nonprofit management.
- Advanced analytical competencies through a sequence of research methods courses, and technical knowledge in core areas of public and nonprofit management.
- In-depth understanding of the theories that guide data collection, quantitative and qualitative data analysis of public policy issues, including the conceptual foundations for both problem and solution analysis.

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