

Ph.D. Program in Urban and Public Affairs
University of Louisville

Supplemental Application for Admission

In order to select students who have the greatest commitment to and potential for graduate studies at the Ph.D. level, the faculty of the Ph.D. Program have decided to ask some additional questions of applicants. Please take great care to ensure that your answers are expressive, thoughtful, and meaningful but also kept brief (no more than 250 words each).

1. Describe your career orientation and plans, and how a Ph.D. in Urban and Public Affairs will contribute to your ability to achieve your objectives.
2. Please review the materials provided about the program and the curriculum. Identify which field option you intend to pursue, and why (it is okay to be undecided at this point). Describe in what area of urban affairs or public policy you expect to concentrate your dissertation research (even if your description is highly speculative at this early point in your studies).
3. Please identify two or three Ph.D. Program Faculty with whom you may wish to work. Explain why, given your intellectual interests, you are especially interested in the possibility of working with each. Also discuss any Urban and Public Affairs course offerings from recent semesters you feel especially excited about taking. See <http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm> Finally, given your educational background, explain whether you believe we should waive any courses in the curriculum for you (via the transfer of academic credit). If so, please describe (in narrative terms) the justification for this action (we will ask for documentation once you are enrolled).
4. Obtaining a Ph.D. is a long, difficult road. It requires a great deal of independent work, demanding that students be extremely self-directed, self-motivated, and disciplined. It normally takes a minimum of four years of very hard work (sometimes longer). In fact, many exceptionally bright people entering Ph.D. programs fail to complete degrees. Tell us why you think you can do this.
5. If you wish to apply for financial aid*, please do so by indicating here your request for a graduate research assistantship (GRA) or fellowship. Include a short resume of your past work and educational experiences. Describe here any past research or teaching responsibilities, as well as any special research skills or experience you might possess (also fill out the GRA/Fellowship application on our website).

*Please note: these awards are only made to the strongest applicants. Those applying should have *all* application materials submitted by **late January** for the following fall semester (in the event an element of your application will be a few days late, please let us know and we will try to accommodate).