MASTER OF ARTS
URBAN AFFAIRS & PUBLIC POLICY

The M.A. in Urban Affairs & Public Policy prepares students to address many of the critical challenges facing communities at all levels, from neighborhoods to the nation: health, education, housing, civil rights, poverty, economic growth, and environmental quality. Because these challenges are not neatly bundled in disciplinary packages as political, economic, or sociological, the M.A. program is distinctively interdisciplinary.

We equip our students with the diverse knowledge and experience needed to address policy challenges from creative vantage points, and we encourage them to adopt a truly global outlook on policy solutions.

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Students take 6 credits of coursework that define an area of research, and may choose from one of the following areas of research or develop their own with the support of their academic advisor:

- Disaster Science & Management
- Urban & Regional Planning
- Housing & Community Development
- Health Policy
- Nonprofits & Philanthropy
- Historic Preservation
- Media & Public Policy

CAREERS AND FURTHER EDUCATION

Graduates of the M.A. program work in every sector, holding positions in local, national, and global institutions related to policy analysis, planning, advocacy, and organizational leadership. The program also is an ideal choice for students anticipating doctoral study, and students who excel in the M.A. program have an opportunity for continuation in the Biden School Ph.D. program in Urban Affairs & Public Policy.