

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (PH.D.)

Purpose

The purpose of the Doctor of Philosophy in Public Administration (Ph.D.) is to prepare students to become subject matter experts in the discipline of public administration, teaching and developing tools and methods for effective public sector administration and management. Skills gained in this degree program can also benefit leaders and managers of public sector and public-focused non-profit organizations, implementing public policy and delivering public services to constituents at all levels of government.

Program Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission requirements, specific requirements for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy in Public Administration (Ph.D.) are as follows:

1. Earned master's degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.).
2. A cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above (on a 4.00 scale).
3. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper-based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test)

Transfer Credit

Students may transfer up to 24 hours of graduate-level credit from an accredited institution. In order to transfer credit, students must have earned the minimum grade of B-, and courses must have been completed within 7 years of the start date of the student's program at Liberty University. Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Evaluate the theories within the fields of public administration.
- Construct innovative change proposals to policies that address public needs and problems.
- Synthesize a Christian model of statesmanship that incorporates a Biblical worldview in public administration.
- Conduct original research that contributes to the body of knowledge in the field of public administration.

Program of Study

Delivery Format: Online Only

- Public Administration (Ph.D.)

Career Opportunities

- Budget analyst
- City Manager
- Elected official
- Foundation Program officer
- Legislative aide
- Lobbyist
- Management consultant
- Nonprofit Manager/Leader
- Policy analyst
- Public Affairs Officer
- Public Agency Manager
- Research scientist
- Sustainability consultant
- Teacher/Professor
- Urban planner