School of Continuing and Professional Studies

The School of Continuing & Professional Studies (SCPS) at Loyola offers a suite of application-oriented graduate and post-baccalaureate programs that address emerging needs in the labor market. Our flexible and online programs are developed in partnership with industry experts for working adult learners who seek relevant workplace skills and knowledge.

Returning Rambler Scholarship

The Returning Rambler Scholarship covers 25% of a student’s tuition rate for eligible students. Interested students should read more about the eligibility requirements and application process here: https://www.luc.edu/gpem/returningrambler/.

Graduate Programs

- Foundations of Instructional Design Certificate (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/continuing-professional-studies/foundations-instructional-design-certificate/)
- Information Technology Leadership and Strategy (MPS) (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/continuing-professional-studies/it-leadership-strategy-mps/)
- Instructional Design (MPS) (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/continuing-professional-studies/instructional-design-mps/)
- Professional Certificate in Instructional Design (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/continuing-professional-studies/instructional-design-professional-certificate/)
- Public Affairs and Management Certificate (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/continuing-professional-studies/public-affairs-management-certificate/)
- Public Policy (MPP) (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/continuing-professional-studies/public-policy-mpp/)
- Public Policy/Law (MPP/JD) (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/dual-degree-programs/public-policy-law-mpp-jd/)
- Public Service Leadership (MA) (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/continuing-professional-studies/public-service-leadership-ma/)
- Urban Affairs (MA) (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/continuing-professional-studies/urban-affairs-ma/)

Post-Baccalaureate Programs

- Corporate Practice Certificate in Paralegal Studies (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/continuing-professional-studies/corporate-practice-certificate-paralegal-studies/)
- Customized Certificate in Paralegal Studies (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/continuing-professional-studies/customized-certificate-paralegal-studies/)
- Litigation and Corporate Practice Certificate in Paralegal Studies (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/continuing-professional-studies/litigation-corporate-practice-certificate-paralegal-studies/)

Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional-academic-standards-regulations/) under their school. Any additional University Policies supersede school policies.

Instructional Design (INDN)

INDN 420 Instructional Design Theories and Models (3 Credit Hours)

This course covers how theories of human learning can be applied to the instructional process to make it more effective, efficient, and appealing. The course has a two-fold focus: the theoretical principles that have contributed to the field of ID, and how those principles can be applied within practical settings. Pre-requisite or co-requisite: CIEP 470 Principles of Instructional Design Identify/describe the basic tenets of behavioral, cognitive, and constructivist theories. Identify/describe motivational theories. Select/apply principles in practical learning situations. Outcomes: Differentiate/compare/contrast among learning theories, ID theories and ID models

INDN 421 Design & Development of Instructional Materials (3 Credit Hours)

**Master of Public Policy (MPP)**

**MPP 400 Policy Design and Analysis (3 Credit Hours)**

Students will learn to analyze issues to determine if there is a role for government intervention, to evaluate public policy options that could address the identified problem, and to design programs that would target the specific issues. The role of political factors in affecting these decisions is also covered.

**MPP 401 Analytical Tools in Public Policy (3 Credit Hours)**

This class covers diverse modeling tools in public policy, drawing from fields such as economics, geography, demography, spatial analysis, risk analysis, decision theory. The emphasis is on applied analysis to address current public policy issues.

**MPP 402 Cost Benefit Analysis (3 Credit Hours)**

The course cover the basics of the CBA technique with applications in several policy areas. CBA is grounded in the policy evaluation framework, including discussion of ethical issues and the use of CBA information in policy and program decisions.

**Outcomes:**

Ability to conduct CBA analysis, understand its use in the policy process, including ethical issues

**MPP 403 Public Budget and Finance (3 Credit Hours)**

This course provides students with practical knowledge about the budget process and the tools to construct and analyze a public budget. General theories of public finance and the role of the budget as a political document are covered. Assignments will provide practice in the budgeting approaches covered in the readings.

**MPP 404 Public Policy Process (3 Credit Hours)**

This class provides an introduction to the major theories of the public policy process. We consider issues of problem definition, social construction, agenda setting, the role of government institutions and interest groups in determining policy outcomes. Outcome: Students will understand how political considerations, institutions, and rules of government affect public policy outcomes.

**MPP 405 Statistical Methods & Analysis for Public Policy I (3 Credit Hours)**

This course is an introduction to statistical modeling, and hypothesis testing for applied problems in urban affairs and public policy. This class will provide the foundation for thinking about casual relationships, determining differences among groups, and what might account for those differences. Outcome: Students will learn to conduct basic statistical analysis and write literate data analysis reports.

**MPP 406 Statistical Methods & Analysis Public Policy II (3 Credit Hours)**

*Pre-requisites:* MPP 405 This class develops the multiple linear regression model and extensions of it that are commonly used in the study of public policy

We investigate the relationships between the type of data available and the quantitative models to use, including logistic analysis and use of simultaneous equations. Outcome: Students will learn to use the tools necessary to understand, critique, and conduct advanced statistics.

**MPP 407 Local Economic Development (3 Credit Hours)**

Students will learn the current theories of local economic development, including the role of infrastructure, access to markets, workforce quality (human capital), technology development, the role of universities, and the value of networks among business actors. Students will use these theories to create a metropolitan benchmarking report and strategic plan.

**MPP 408 Political Feasibility Analysis (3 Credit Hours)**

*Pre-requisites:* Graduate Students Only Students will analyze strategies for assessing the political feasibility of enacting and implementing public policies

Crafting a message, use of media to communicate that message, identification of allies and opponents, and how to navigate legislative and bureaucratic processes will be covered. Includes: creating messages, use of media, development of grassroots campaign, work within legislatures and government agencies.

**Outcomes:**

Ability to craft and implement a comprehensive political strategy to change public policy outcomes
MPP 409 Education Policy and Politics (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: Graduate Students Only
This seminar focuses on K-12 policy in the U.S. using a policy analysis framework. We evaluate alternative policy proposals related to different theories of equality and school quality. We examine market-driven, standards-based, human capital, fiscal, and community-based models of reform. The course concludes by examining the political context for reform.
Outcomes:
- Develop analytical ability to identify the contemporary problems with education, what causes them, and what policy reforms could be used to address those problems

MPP 410 Special Topics in Public Policy (3 Credit Hours)
This seminar will cover specialized topics in public policy in greater detail. Outcome: Students will learn about current issues related to the topic, relevant theoretical approaches, and application of theories to the specific issue in order to develop policy solutions.

MPP 411 Environmental Governance (3 Credit Hours)
Environmental governance examines the institutions used to manage the environment and natural resources. The class pulls from political, economic, sociological, and ecological frameworks to develop an interdisciplinary examination of the management of resources, both in the US and abroad.

MPP 412 Urban Politics and Policy (3 Credit Hours)
The course examines sources of power in the city and their impact on city policies, including the role of economic power, federalism, government structures, neighborhood groups, and voting. The focus is on any systematic bias in city policies and how likely that the bias could be overcome.
Outcomes:
- Understand the major theories of urban politics and use them to analyze potential policy outcomes in cities

MPP 413 Intergovernmental Relations (3 Credit Hours)
This class looks at what determines the allocation of responsibility and power across U.S. levels of government, how do the different levels interact with each other, and how does this system affect why some policy problems appear to receive a lot of attention and others do not. Department consent required. Outcome: Understand how principles of federalism shape policy subsystems, which then affects who addresses policy problems and how outcomes are shaped by the various governments.

MPP 414 Affordable Housing Finance and Policy (3 Credit Hours)
This course focuses on how affordable housing programs work - the policy side, the development side, the investment side, and the legal side. This requires an understanding of the legal principles underlying real estate finance, the principles of investment, impact of tax laws, and demographic and economic factors that affect the supply and demand for housing. Department Consent Required.
Outcomes:
- Gain knowledge of affordable housing criteria, needs assessments, financial and investment factors that affect supply, structure of common affordable housing policies

MPP 461 Education Law & Policy (3 Credit Hours)
This seminar explores legal, political, and practical issues confronting American education. The course begins with analysis of fundamental political and philosophical principles underlying the educational system. Students then apply these principles to areas of education law -- such as school finance, governance, the balance between federal and state roles in curriculum. Department consent required for enrollment.
Course equivalencies: MPP 461/LAW 461
Outcomes:
- Students will be able to: understand fundamental legal doctrines governing U.S. education law, research legal and political issues in education policy, analyze education problems and develop policy options

MPP 499 Directed Readings (3 Credit Hours)
An independent study course provides the opportunity for a student to develop knowledge regarding a particular topic of interest, beyond that available in traditional courses. The student will develop a contract with the faculty member who supervises the independent study to specify the topics covered, the tasks to be performed, and the grading criteria. Students are expected to participate in development of a reading list. Regular meetings of the student and the faculty supervisor will occur throughout the semester.

MPP 500 Public Policy Evaluation (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PLSC 476 or SOCL 414
This class covers basic methods of evaluating the impact of public policies. We will read examples of each type of evaluation and discuss the difficulties each case illustrates in doing applied research -- including statistical problems, ethical issues, and the potential impact of the evaluation on policy change.

MPP 501 Public Policy Internship (3 Credit Hours)
Enrollment is restricted to students in MUAPP program. Students will work with an organization in the public sector (typically nonprofit or government) to apply concepts and skills from the first-year MUAPP curriculum. They will develop a portfolio of work products to demonstrate their competencies and interests to future employers. Students will gain relevant work experience; apply concepts and skills developed in other courses in the MUAPP curriculum; create a portfolio of work products to demonstrate abilities to future employers.

MPP 502 Professional Development Skills (1 Credit Hour)
Requirement for MPP graduate students. The class develops professional skills for students to identify and pursue internship and career options. Policy practitioners discuss their experiences, illustrating different work in the policy field. Job search strategies, resume writing, and informational interviews are covered.

MPP 503 Public Policy Practicum (3 Credit Hours)
Enrollment is restricted to students in MUAPP program. This is a capstone course for the masters degree in public policy or urban affairs. The goal is to gain experience working as a team conducting a policy analysis or program evaluation project. Faculty will determine the topic for the course, often based on a real world client’s interests. Outcome: Students apply concepts and skills developed in the MUAPP curriculum to a real world problem; work with a client and stakeholders; create a research report appropriate to an applied environment.
MPP 606 Childlaw Legislation and Policy Clinic (3 Credit Hours)
Permission of instructor is required prior to registration. Students work on a legislative project under faculty supervision that involves: developing an advocacy and coalition building strategy, drafting bills, developing fact sheets and summaries for pending legislative in Springfield, visiting the state legislature to observe and participate in the process of policy advocacy regarding a child or family law issue.
Outcomes:
Develop skills necessary in policy advocacy: critiquing legislation, assessing a legislative problem, researching the problem, proposing solutions, and drafting materials and presenting information orally

Public Service Leadership (PSLD)

PSLD 400 Introduction to Public Service (3 Credit Hours)
Introduces students to organizational theories and practices useful to public service managers. Teaches students how to use structural, human resource, political and symbolic perspectives to rethink public service organizations. Provides an introduction to managerial issues including workforce diversity, decision making, and leadership; stresses critical thinking skills. Open to students admitted into the MA in Public Service Leadership program (PSLD-MA). Knowledge of theory, organizational functions and structures, leadership styles, and value-driven leadership.
Outcomes:
Knowledge of ethics, values, and skills for organizational leadership in human service and public service agencies

PSLD 401 Ethical Leadership in Public Service (3 Credit Hours)
Provides students with the framework for personal and professional ethical decision making applied in the context of diverse workplaces and international organizations. Through lectures, case studies in applied ethics, and specific assignments, students clarify their personal-professional values, assess their moral intelligence, and develop their ethical leadership integrity. Open to students admitted into the MA in Public Service Leadership program (PSLD-MA). Development of ethical and value-driven leadership skills.
Outcomes:
Knowledge of ethics, values, and applied ethics for organizational leadership in human services and public service agencies

PSLD 402 Foundations of Global Strategic Communication (3 Credit Hours)
Globalization challenges almost every aspect of communication from creating and delivering messages to spreading ideas that cross language, time, and cultural barriers. The course focuses on using strategies communication planning and management to guide communication activities in organizations. Open to students admitted into the MA in Public Service Leadership program (PSLD-MA). Understand the interplay between communication, technology, and culture.
Outcomes:
Knowledge of critical communication skills and values

PSLD 403 Program Management and Development (3 Credit Hours)
There is an increasing demand for public service workers who can work with diverse communities through program management and development using strengths and empowerment perspectives and social and economic justice principles. This course builds on the ecological systems perspective that views program development as an arena for social change. Open to students admitted into the MA in Public Service Leadership program (PSLD-MA). Develop skill set for program development and quality improvement.
Outcomes:
Knowledge and skills needed for planning new or adapting existing programs within the context of diverse communities

PSLD 404 Data, Visualization and Evaluation (3 Credit Hours)
Using Microsoft Excel, this course introduces students to the use of quantitative data in policy, public management, and non-profit decision making. Topics include causal inference, descriptive statistics, data visualization, probability, statistical inference, and regression analysis. Open to students admitted into the MA in Public Service Leadership program (PSLD-MA). Best practices for presenting data to diverse stakeholders.
Outcomes:
Hands-on knowledge and experience managing and analyzing data sets

PSLD 405 Design Thinking in Mitigating Complex Social Problems (3 Credit Hours)
Design thinking is a way of working with user-centered innovation to address problems where not all knowledge is available at the outset, i.e. the problem itself is unknown (wicked problems). Design thinking rests on principles such as user involvement, problem framing, experimentation, visualization, and diversity. Open to students admitted into the MA in Public Service Leadership program (PSLD-MA). Develop creative potential of individuals and enable them to deal with wicked problems.
Outcomes:
Develop critical skills for management and innovation

PSLD 420 Disaster Operations and Management (3 Credit Hours)
Introduction to emergency management theories and practices that are critical in the emergency management profession. Covers the phases of emergency management, human and political aspects, the importance of effective resource management, environmental concerns, and the threats and hazard identification and risk assessment process that is important to emergency management organizations. Introduces participants to issues related to managing personnel, including volunteers, workforce diversity, decision-making, leadership, and stresses critical thinking skills. Pre-requisites: Only open to students admitted into the MA in Public Service Leadership (PSLD-MA); DMEP-PSLD Sub-Plan Develops ability to solve complex problems and engaged with a wide variety of organizations that support emergency management.
Outcomes:
Knowledge of theory, organizational functions and structures, phases of emergency management, resource management, ethics, politics, and threats and hazards

PSLD 421 Emergency Planning and Implementation (3 Credit Hours)
Incomplete data, mission information, or rapidly changing scenarios requires a pragmatic approach to reach an optimal solution. This course will introduce students to a decision-making process usable in any scenario. Students will learn to identify, gather, analyze, and process available information for use in a set, yet flexible process to identify and reduce risk, protect people and property, and maintain optimal business operations. Pre-requisites: Only open to students admitted into the MA in Public Service Leadership (PSLD-MA); DMEP-PSLD Sub-Plan Learn to identify risk and the methods to address situations with incomplete information. Develop an Intelligence Cycle, regardless of the situation, to address and mitigate current and future risk.
Outcomes:
Identify how to gather useful information to reach the best outcomes possible
PSLD 422 Disasters and Vulnerable Populations (3 Credit Hours)
Disasters create lasting impacts for communities large and small. This course introduces students to emergency management concepts that ensure the needs are met for citizens with access and functional needs, those living in areas with high social vulnerability, and other vulnerable populations throughout the community. Teaches students to include vulnerable populations in all phases of emergency management and provides students with the opportunity to learn critical communication and problem-solving skills. Pre-requisites: Only open to students admitted into the MA in Public Service Leadership (PSLD-MA); DMEP-PSLD Sub-Plan Knowledge of tools and resources available to assist in preparedness activities to ensure they involve the community in its entirety.
Outcomes: Understand the make-up of the community being served, ensure plans, processes, and disaster response includes vulnerable populations within the community

PSLD 423 Integrated Social-Medical Issues in Emergency Management (3 Credit Hours)
This course builds on existing leadership and public service knowledge with the application of emergency management principles under the shared perspectives of social-medical outlooks. It analyzes current trends and issues within emergency management through a social-medical paradigm and their impact on the public service models and leadership outcomes, including leadership challenges, ineffective communication and processes, and emergency response software, and their impact on medical and social infrastructure. Pre-requisites: Only open to students admitted into the MA in Public Service Leadership (PSLD-MA); DMEP-PSLD Sub-Plan Apply the concepts of EM within a social-medical context. Describe EM social and medical organizations and structures and their relation to public service. Apply concepts of leadership to public service, EM, and other sectors.
Outcomes: Identify social and medical issues in EM practices

PSLD 430 Understanding and Mitigating Poverty (3 Credit Hours)
This course examines the nature, extent, and causes of poverty and inequality in the US while relying on literature from sociology, political science, economics, psychology and other disciplines. It analyzes the anti-poverty initiatives and policies launched over the past five decades and examines the role of culture, discrimination and classism as well as policy issues. Pre-requisites: Only open to students admitted into the MA in Public Service Leadership (PSLD-MA); ISDV-PSLD Sub-Plan Describe approaches to understanding and providing solutions to poverty. Explore the dynamics of commitment to social change and anti-poverty initiatives through grantmaking.
Outcomes: Understand key issues regarding causes and consequences of poverty

PSLD 431 Foundations of Social and Sustainable Development (3 Credit Hours)
Addresses global design for economic and social development via the UN adoption of Sustainable Development Goals and targets. Examines policies and programs that aim to achieve inclusive, people-centered and sustainable development. Covers the basics of narrative policy analysis, measures and outcomes. Explores environmental, social, and economic concerns and their impact at local, national and global levels. Pre-requisites: Only open to students admitted into the MA in Public Service Leadership (PSLD-MA); ISDV-PSLD Sub-Plan Assess the complex overlap of current science, economics, and geopolitics underlying the overuse of resources, impact on population, and considerations of economic growth.
Outcomes: Identify challenges in social and sustainable development especially in transition to renewable resource use in specific populations

PSLD 432 Gender Diversity & Sustainable Social Development (3 Credit Hours)
This course uses the UNWomen¿s approach to gender diversity and sustainable development to encompass the issues that hinder and those that contribute to the progress of women and gender diversity within sustainable development. The course reviews the environmental, social, and economic relevance and impact on gender. The specific topics will include, the intersectionality of gender and sustainability in the context of agriculture, forestry, water, health, investment and corporate social responsibility and each topic will highlight a specific region or nation. The course will provide an overview of the underlying intersectionalities of class, age, region within Asia, Latin America, and Africa. Restricted to students admitted into the MA in Public Service Leadership (PSLD-MA); ISDV-PSLD Sub-Plan
Outcomes: Describe sustainability and the significance of its interaction with gender; Critically review the history of global development agenda from a gendered perspective; Utilize interdisciplinary frameworks of gender inequity and sustainability; Assess variations in women¿s contributions to social development - historically, culturally, and politically; and Analyze women and gender within issues of Agriculture, Forestry, Water, Health and Investment in sustainable development

PSLD 433 Social Analysis Inequality Poverty and Development (3 Credit Hours)
This course will introduce students to some of these key concepts and debates to enable critical evaluation of how well sociological understandings of development inform the social analysis of exclusion, poverty and inequality, as well as what implications this might have for development policy especially when focusing on underserved communities. Restricted to students admitted into the MA in Public Service Leadership (PSLD-MA); ISDV-PSLD Sub-Plan.
Outcomes: Describe the key concepts and debates surrounding poverty and inequality; Evaluate sociological understanding that inform the social analysis of exclusion; and Assess implications for policy regarding underserved communities