Your Education at IUP

The PhD in Administration and Leadership Studies (ALS), with an emphasis on nonprofit and public sectors, prepares you to excel in leadership positions in a variety of settings. Experience a program in which you’ll meet other professionals who are working in such areas as higher education, K-12 education, human services, nonprofit administration, health care, criminal justice, government, corporate leadership, and the military.

You can earn your doctorate without interrupting your career by taking courses weekday evenings and some Saturdays at one of two locations: the Dixon University Center, located in a picturesque setting along the Susquehanna River in Harrisburg, or IUP’s main campus in Indiana, Pennsylvania. By taking two courses per semester, summers included, you can complete your course work in approximately three years.

You will experience a cohort model with limited enrollment. This means you will progress through your sequence of courses with your classmates as a group, enabling you to build and maintain a supportive professional and academic network.

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Curriculum

The ALS PhD curriculum is designed to enhance your leadership development skills and administrative capacity. The program is offered by the Sociology Department in collaboration with the Department of Economics. You will learn to apply theory and research in a variety of contexts and will be encouraged to tailor your research to your individual area of expertise and desired focus.

Throughout the program, you will take 61 credit hours, which include course work, two comprehensive exams, and a dissertation.

Core (25 credits)
Proseminar
Leadership Theories
Leadership Applications
Nonprofit Management
Administration in the Public Sector
Classical Social and Organizational Theory
Contemporary Social and Organizational Theory
Social Policy
Managerial Economics for Decision Making and Leadership

Research (27 credits)
Analysis of Social Data
Quantitative Research Methods I
Quantitative Research Methods II
Qualitative Research Methods
Program Evaluation
Dissertation Seminar
Dissertation

Electives (9 credits)
Select 9 credits from among other relevant graduate courses.
Detailed course descriptions can be found in the Graduate Catalog online at www.iup.edu/graduatestudies/catalog.

Application Process

New students are admitted to the PhD in ALS and begin classes during the summer preceding the fall semester with a Proseminar course designed as an introduction to doctoral-level studies. Cohorts begin in even years at the Indiana campus and in odd years at the Harrisburg site.

A master’s degree is required. Some background in the social sciences is helpful but not required.

Submit the following items to IUP’s School of Graduate Studies and Research:
- Application form (paper or online version. Visit www.iup.edu/admissions/graduate/howto.)
- $50 nonrefundable application fee (fees subject to change)
- Three letters of recommendation (professional or academic)
- Signed, dated statement of career and academic goals
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Official GRE test scores
- Work experience statement (either a curriculum vitae or résumé)
- A writing sample such as a master’s thesis, course paper, policy document, or program report

A personal interview may be requested.

Send all materials to
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