DOCTORATE IN

LAW & POLICY

REAL IMPACT. REAL RESULTS.
24-Month Doctoral Degree Program

Northeastern University
College of Professional Studies
ACHIEVEMENT

YOU LIVE IN THE REAL WORLD. YOU ARE
ENGAGED IN THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES
OF OUR TIME, INFLUENCING A WIDE RANGE
OF DYNAMIC AND POWERFUL INDUSTRIES AND
PROFESSIONS. YOU ARE AN ACCOMPLISHED
LEADER WITH THE TALENT AND DRIVE TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE. YOU WANT TO CREATE,
CHANGE, AND IMPLEMENT LAW AND POLICY.

Former Governor of MA Michael Dukakis
Affiliated Faculty Member
THIS MAKES YOU AN IDEAL CANDIDATE FOR NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY’S DOCTORATE IN LAW & POLICY (LPD). DECIDE TODAY TO OBTAIN THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND CREDENTIALS TO TAKE YOUR CAREER TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

OVERVIEW

Executives and upper-level administrators operate in an increasingly global environment. Our doctoral education provides the policy, research, writing, and leadership skills necessary to advance toward and excel at the top of any organization.

To meet the demand for executives with a doctorate, Northeastern University created the Doctorate in Law & Policy (LPD). The program was jointly developed by the College of Professional Studies and the College of Social Sciences and Humanities’ Law and Public Policy program in 2005.

Designed for working professionals with demanding careers in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, this intensive program provides you with the opportunity to complete your coursework and doctoral thesis in 24 months.

Classes meet for three days, one weekend per month in Boston, and the learning continues online throughout the rest of the month. The program’s unique format encourages team collaboration.
ONLINE LEARNING

Between monthly intensive sessions in Boston, learning and interactions continue online. Faculty members conduct lectures, lead discussions, and post readings and assignments online. Every student receives access to the Northeastern University online learning management system and is expected to engage and participate on a daily basis. The system is available 24/7, so students may log in when it is most convenient for them each day.
The LPD program offers a rigorous curriculum and applied approach to law and policy. The curriculum encompasses an interdisciplinary course of study. The program emphasizes the integration of qualitative and quantitative social science methods, economics, law and policy, and political theory. Doctoral candidates specialize in a particular domain that enables them to align their research and doctoral thesis with their professional and intellectual interests.

**Weekend intensives**
These three-day intensives include core courses in law and policy, social science methods, and theory. Weekend intensives also include time for individual and group meetings with faculty to advance the doctoral thesis. As students progress through the program, they spend more time on the doctoral thesis, with the goal of publication in their field of expertise.

“My LPD degree has taken me to the next level in my career. I am now an Associate Commissioner with New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) – the premier regional accreditation body in the country! During my interview, they were thrilled that I had conducted my LPD research using the NEASC standards – that really made a difference in separating me from the competitors.”

Carol Anderson
Associate Commissioner, New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
LOGISTICS

Location
Classes meet at Northeastern University’s downtown campus, a full-service facility conveniently located on the second floor of the Hilton Hotel in Boston’s Financial District at 89 Broad Street. This facility offers state-of-the-art classrooms and computer labs and is near Interstate 93, two train stations, and Logan International Airport. It is also within walking distance of state government offices and the courts. Students may take advantage of a special discounted room rate at Club Quarters and other nearby hotels.

Amenities
In addition to the downtown campus, students have full access to Northeastern University’s extensive academic and athletic facilities on the University’s main campus at 360 Huntington Avenue. The Snell Library is the heart of academic and research work on campus and is part of the Northeastern’s comprehensive library system. Students may also use the University’s outstanding recreation facilities, which include cardio and weight training equipment, an indoor track, multi-sport courts, a swimming pool, and squash courts.
“This program has benefited me from day one. Its focus on law, policy, and politics is at the very center of the work expected of me as a college president. I am especially appreciative for the program’s emphasis on the application of theory to real-world problems and examples. I am constantly applying what I learned in class to my role at Excelsior College.”

John Ebersole  
President, Excelsior College, New York
The LPD program draws applications and inquiries from hundreds of candidates across the United States. The admitted students constitute a diverse and accomplished group of individuals from every region of the country.

DOCTORAL THESIS TITLES (partial list)

Accreditation for Higher Education Institutions
Electronic Standardization of Health Care
Emergency Preparedness in Minority Communities
Intellectual Property in the Film and Recording Industries
Juvenile Intervention Strategies for At-Risk Teens
Higher Education Reform in New Hampshire
Organ Donation and Transplant Policy
Political Strategies to Address Iranian-American Discrimination
Post-Conflict Intervention and Peace Operations in Nation Building
Legal Aspects of Presidential Power
Social Change Through Union Activism
Statehood for Washington, D.C.
Successful Policies to Reduce Recidivism Among Drug Offenders
Win-Win Management in Labor Relations

INDUSTRIES REPRESENTED

Armed Forces Human Resources
Biotechnology International Affairs
Business Labor
Civil and Criminal Justice Law Enforcement
Economic Development Legislative Advocacy
Education (K-12 and Non-Governmental Organizations
Higher Education) Nonprofit Sector Organizations
Energy Social Services
Government (National, Technology
State, and Local)
SELECTION OF STUDENT EMPLOYERS AND TITLES

Brigham and Women’s Hospital
California Department of Corrections
Cranston Police Department
Deloitte & Touche
Emergency Nurses Association
Forrester Research
Harvard Business School
IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers)
Kauffman Foundation
National Education Association
Nationwide Children’s Hospital
New Jersey State Department of Education
Oregon Bar Association
Partners HealthCare System
Progress Software
Rutgers University
Triton Systems, Inc.
Tufts University
Stanford University Hospital
State University of New York
University of Massachusetts
U.S. Army JAG Corps
U.S. Department of Defense
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of State
U.S. Navy JAG Corps
U.S. Naval War College
Verizon

Administrative Director
Assistant Dean
Associate Director
Attorney
Chief Executive Officer
Counsel
Dean
Department Head
Deputy State Commissioner
Director of Human Resources
Director of Research
Executive Director
Financial Industry Consultant
Lecturer
Mayor
Policy Director
President
Principal
Professor
Program Director
Senior Engineer
Senior Law Partner
Senior Manager
Special Agent
University President
Vice President
Core faculty lead the program. They are chosen for their experiences and success on the front lines of applied law and policy and for their excellence in teaching, practical research, and subject matter.

Doctoral fellows, trained in the discipline, assist students with curriculum and assignments. Doctoral fellows attend each intensive and integrate their expertise with case studies, review sessions, and lectures. The faculty lecture and lead discussions at the monthly intensives and facilitate online learning between intensives. Affiliated faculty specialize in a wide range of areas and provide supplemental instruction and expertise. Monthly intensives also feature visiting lecturers who are nationally renowned practitioners and scholars.

**Neenah Estrella-Luna**  
PhD, Northeastern University  
*Fields: Qualitative Research, Urban Issues, Applied Sociology, Race and Ethnic Relations, Environmental Justice*

Neenah Estrella-Luna is affiliated with Northeastern University’s School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs and School of Nursing. She is also a research associate in the Northeastern University Environmental Justice Research Collaborative.

Her area of research focuses on public health, environmental, and climate change adaptation policy at the state and local levels. Dr. Estrella-Luna sits on the Board of Directors for Alternatives for Community and Environment, a statewide environmental justice organization. She also serves in an advisory capacity to several community-based organizations involved in social justice issues and Latino political empowerment, as well as coordinating community-based participatory action research projects.

**Joan Fitzgerald**  
PhD, Pennsylvania State University  

Joan Fitzgerald is the director of the Law and Public Policy program at Northeastern University. Previously, Fitzgerald taught urban policy and public affairs at the New School University, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and Ohio State University.

Professor Fitzgerald is the author of *Emerald Cities: Urban Sustainability and Economic Development* (Oxford Univ. Press, 2010), which examines how U.S. and Western European cities are addressing the interrelated issues of global warming, energy dependence, and opportunities for green economic development. This potential includes building new technology-based industry clusters, improving the efficiency of production in existing manufacturing processes, and creating well-paying green jobs in construction, manufacturing, and entirely new advanced technology sectors.

*Emerald Cities* builds on her co-authored 2002 economic development book, *Economic Revitalization: Strategies and Cases for City and Suburb*, which examines how traditional economic development strategies can be used to promote more sustainable and equitable development. It also integrates questions raised in her second book, *Moving Up in the New Economy* (Cornell Univ. Press, 2006), which focuses on strategies for helping low-wage workers advance into better paying positions through skills upgrading.

She is currently working on two articles and an edited book series. The first article examines the relative influence of EU mandates and programs, national policy and local planning practices on the success of climate change planning in Stockholm and Malmö and discusses the relevance of the Swedish experience for U.S. cities. The second article analyzes business involvement in urban climate change initiatives in U.S. and European cities. She is organizing the Emerald Cities Network, an organization of universities supporting their cities in pursuing climate change initiatives and policies.
James Alan Fox holds a joint faculty appointment at Northeastern as the Lipman Family Professor of Criminal Justice and Professor of Law, Policy, and Society. He has published 16 books, dozens of articles, and more than 200 newspaper op-eds. Fox appears regularly on national television and has been profiled in USA Today and The New York Times. He frequently gives lectures and expert testimony, including 15 appearances before Congress and briefings to President Bill Clinton, Attorney General Janet Reno, and Princess Anne of Great Britain. Fox was the 2007 recipient of the Hugo Adam Bedau Award for excellence in death penalty scholarship.

Robert Pritchard has 25 years experience conducting public policy and economic analysis while presenting research results and educational content. His research interests include transportation and managerial economics, public finance, law and economics, and economic development. Dr. Pritchard is a senior fellow and core faculty member in the College of Professional Studies’ Law and Policy Doctorate Program; a lecturer for Northeastern University’s Economics Department; a Stonehill College teaching fellow; and, he occasionally teaches for the Finance and Insurance Group and Political Science Department at Northeastern University. In addition to his PhD in Law, Policy, and Society from Northeastern University, Dr. Pritchard earned his Bachelor of Arts in Economics and English and Master of Arts in Economics from Boston College.

Dan Urman received his BA from UCLA, where he majored in History and Political Science and minored in Public Policy. After graduating from UCLA, he received a Marshall Scholarship to study International Relations at Oxford University. Following Oxford, Dan received a JD from Harvard Law School.

Dan has worked on Capitol Hill, at the Democratic National Convention, and on state and national political campaigns. He has practiced law at a large law firm and as an Assistant District Attorney for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In addition to serving as the Director of Northeastern University’s Doctorate in Law and Policy, Dan teaches Political Science and Law & Policy to undergraduate and graduate students. Northeastern students have nominated Dan for a University-wide excellence in teaching award each year of eligibility.

“In my job I am challenged to be on top of legislative issues in my state. The LPD program gave me the opportunity to broaden my view through scholarly research and an intense academic experience.”

Frederick Kalisz, Jr.
Executive Director, Parents Alliance for Catholic Education
SELECTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITING LECTURERS

Martin Baron, Editor of the Boston Globe
Wayne Budd, former United States Attorney
Charles Fried, former Solicitor General of the United States
Alexander Goldstein, former Press Secretary, Governor Deval Patrick
Kate Gordon, VP for Energy Policy at the Center for American Progress
Denis Hanigan, VP for Law & Policy of the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence
Scott Harshbarger, former Massachusetts Attorney General
Roderick L. Ireland, Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court
Juliette Kayyem, former Assistant Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security
Randall Kennedy, Author and Harvard Law School Professor
Michael Klarman, Bancroft Award-Winning Author and Harvard Law School Professor
Mark Kleiman, Author and Professor, UCLA School of Public Affairs
Robert Kuttner, Author and Founder of The American Prospect
James Kvaal, Policy Director of President Obama’s 2012 Campaign
Michael Masters, Executive Director of Cook County Homeland Security
Jonathan Miller, Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
John Nagl, Former Army Lt. Colonel and Author of Counterinsurgency Manual
Henry Olsen, Director of Research, American Enterprise Institute (AEI)
Jeffrey Rosen, Legal Affairs Editor, The New Republic
William Sinnott, Corporation Counsel for the City of Boston
Tomicah Tilleman, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Civil Society and Emerging Democracies at U.S. Department of State

AFFILIATED FACULTY
(Full-time Northeastern University faculty affiliated with the program)

Barry Bluestone
Fields: Urban Development, Economics, Housing

Christopher Bosso
Fields: American Politics, Public Policy, Environmental Policy

Carlos Cuevas
Fields: Statistics, Research Methods, Criminal Justice, Mental Health Practice and Research

Richard Daynarda
Fields: Products Liability, Litigation Strategies, American and Comparative History

Michael Dukakis, Former Governor of Massachusetts
Fields: Public Policy, Health Policy, Public Management

Eric D. Kupferberg
Fields: Biomedical Regulatory Affairs, Health Policy and Health Care Policy, Research Methods in History

Jack Levin
Fields: Crime and Violence, Sociology of Hate

Ralph Martin
General Counsel and Vice President of Northeastern University

Stephen Nathanson
Fields: Moral and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Law

David Rochefort
Fields: Health, Politics, Policy
HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must complete the online application at www.northeastern.edu/cps/lpd. Requirements include an application form, professional resume, academic transcripts, three letters of recommendation, and a personal statement of purpose that includes your proposed research topic.

Candidates may be asked to schedule an in-person, phone, or Skype interview with members of the admissions committee.

Please call 1.877.668.7727 or email cpsadmissions@neu.edu with program-related questions.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Doctorate in Law & Policy program is highly selective and space is limited. The program seeks applications from individuals with strong academic achievement, leadership potential, and a demonstrated commitment and ability in their field of study.

Admission requires satisfactory completion of a JD, MD, or master’s degree at an accredited U.S. university or its equivalent, as well as substantial professional experience. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required, but GRE scores will be considered if submitted.

NORTHEASTERN IS A LEADER IN INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING.
ABOUT NORTHEASTERN

Founded in 1898, Northeastern University is a private research university located in the heart of Boston, and a leader in interdisciplinary research, urban engagement, and the integration of classroom learning with real-world experience. Our signature cooperative education program, one of the largest and most innovative in the world, is ranked among the best in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Northeastern University’s College of Professional Studies is committed to providing career-focused educational programs that are designed to accommodate the complex lives of motivated learners.

Offered in a variety of innovative formats including online and on-campus instruction, our courses are taught by accomplished practitioners with real-world experience. The result is an educational experience founded on proven scholarship, strengthened with practical application, and sustained by academic excellence.