Message from the Dean

The mission of the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS) is to prepare current and future leaders to tackle the challenges facing our society and economy. Everything that we do is in fulfillment of this mission, which is more important today than ever before.

Founded in 1975 as the School of Social Sciences, EPPS is a small, focused policy school embedded within a Tier One university. EPPS students benefit from the resources of a major research institution and the personalized instruction of an intimate college setting.

An EPPS education is interdisciplinary. Our nine disciplines – criminology and criminal justice, cyber and big data analytics, economics, geospatial information sciences, political science, public health, public and nonprofit management, public policy and political economy, and sociology – are all interrelated, and an understanding of one informs a better understanding of the others. For this reason, we encourage our students to explore the various majors and minors within the School and to take classes across majors. Our faculty also frequently collaborate with each other and with colleagues across the university.

EPPS faculty pride themselves on a commitment to teaching and research. We have some of the most cited faculty in the country, eight faculty members are recipients of the UT System Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award, a Piper professor, and one member of the National Academy of Sciences.

Our faculty are also connected throughout the North Texas community and beyond, frequently speaking and consulting with nonprofit organizations, government entities, corporations, and individuals. This combination of excellence in the classroom and connectedness in the community provides bountiful opportunities for EPPS students to learn both on and off campus. They often research and work on real challenges alongside their professors and our community leaders.

Since 1998, I have been honored to teach and research as a member of the EPPS faculty. I have served as Dean of the School since 2018. I hope that you’ll connect with me or any of the faculty and staff in the School if there’s anything we can do for you, and that you’ll follow EPPS in our journey to produce some of the most promising leaders and impactful research for our community, state and nation.

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Welcome from the Graduate Dean

Dear Graduate Students:

Welcome to The University of Texas at Dallas. We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for your graduate education. As a graduate student, you are an important part of our university community. In fact, graduate students represent more than one-third of UT Dallas’ student enrollment and have been central to the University since its founding.

As a graduate student at UT Dallas, you are joining an institution where you will work with internationally renowned faculty and a diverse student population. Our graduate faculty research is on the cutting-edge of knowledge in the various disciplines and programs represented by 90 graduate programs across eight schools.

Together with our colleagues across the University, we strive to create an environment in which each of you will grow and thrive. The Office of Graduate Education is committed to the academic success of our students, and we serve as an advocate for their intellectual and professional development. We also offer many programs to help support students during their time at UT Dallas, including funding and fellowships, social events, career services, and writing workshops.

The Office of Graduate Education is located in the Founders West Annex Building, FA 3.104F (see campus map), and our telephone number is 972-883-2234. Our team is eager to support you as you pursue your graduate education at The University of Texas at Dallas.

Sincerely yours,
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Welcome to the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences!

All of us here in EPPS are so excited about the prospect of you joining us. We want you to feel just as confident about your decision to pursue graduate study here. To that end, we encourage you to look at a few online resources to get a sense of the curriculum and faculty.

1. Spend lots of time with the EPPS website: https://epps.utdallas.edu/
2. Review the current Graduate Catalog, especially the requirements for your degree: https://catalog.utdallas.edu
3. Look at the course offerings (and even some syllabi) on UTD Coursebook: https://coursebook.utdallas.edu/
4. Focus on getting official transcripts and certificates mailed to UT Dallas prior to your departure to the U.S.

Please stay in touch with your graduate program advisors as they are committed to serving you. Reach out to your program directors for specific degree questions. We encourage you to enroll as soon as we notify you that you are clear to enroll.

Excel In Your Career with EPPS Degrees

The School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences at UT Dallas offers a great variety of rigorous doctoral, master’s, and graduate certificate programs to prepare students for intellectual and leadership roles in advancing positive changes both nationally and globally. There are six Ph.D. programs, ten master’s programs, and eleven graduate certificate programs that are offered. These programs expose in-depth current research and real-world experiences that address critical social, political, economic, and policy challenges that current society and the economy are facing constantly. Because to the interdisciplinary nature of EPPS, graduate students can collaborate on their research with faculty members working in diverse fields within the school, get professors to be on their supervising committee, and participate actively in the research centers of their interest.

Visit the programs page for further details: https://epps.utdallas.edu/about/programs/.
The doctoral program in Criminology is an interdisciplinary, research-oriented degree offered in conjunction with other graduate programs in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences at UT Dallas. The objective of the PhD program is to provide students a coherent, yet intellectually challenging degree that adequately prepares them to conduct research among the many aspects of criminology and criminal justice, varying with individual interests and areas of specialty. Graduates of the PhD program will be qualified to teach at the university level as professors. Graduates will also be competent to enter analytic and administrative posts within the vast array of research and policy institutions, criminal justice organizations, and in the private sector. For more program details, visit: Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology - The University of Texas at Dallas

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The PhD in Economics degree program provides a cutting-edge education in economic theories and the development of a rigorous toolkit of mathematical and econometric techniques. Students also gain extensive exposure to various research areas in economics that allow them to think critically about how to approach the analysis of economic problems and contribute to the knowledge base of the discipline. The program is particularly strong in the areas of public economics, applied microeconomics, macroeconomics, data analysis, and the economics of conflict. For more program details, visit: Doctor of Philosophy in Economics – The University of Texas at Dallas

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The mission of the PhD in Geospatial Information Sciences degree program is to cultivate innovative researchers capable of advancing the frontiers of knowledge in the geospatial information sciences through improved theories, new technologies, innovative methodologies, sophisticated quantitative analyses, and integrative applications.

Jointly offered by the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science, this unique program reflects geospatial information science's origins at the confluence of multiple disciplines including geography, computer science, engineering, geology and various social, policy and applied sciences.

Unlike programs at other schools in which geospatial information sciences is offered as a concentration within traditional geography, geology, environmental science or engineering programs, the degree at UT Dallas is devoted solely to GIS, focusing on advancement of the technology, its associated theory, and the enhancement of its application in a variety of substantive areas. As such, it provides a unique option for students wishing to concentrate in this inherently cross-disciplinary area. Graduates find employment in the burgeoning geospatial technology industry, in research departments of public and private organizations and in major academic institutions because of their ability to build bridges to other disciplines. For more program details, visit: Doctor of Philosophy in Geospatial Information Sciences – The University of Texas at Dallas

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The Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science provides a rigorous, disciplinary program with strong multidisciplinary links. The program consists of innovative, state-of-the-science graduate education in political methodology and the fields of comparative politics and international relations; law and courts; and political institutions and American politics.

In the first two years of the program, students acquire research skills and tools, work on research projects, and acquaint themselves with professional norms in the discipline. Later, they have opportunities to develop their instructional and presentation skills and to conduct research answering important questions in the field. For more program details, visit: Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science – The University of Texas at Dallas

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The PhD in Public Affairs program is a rigorous, research-oriented degree offered through the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences.

The skills and knowledge gained in the Public Affairs doctoral program will allow students to interface between the traditions of public management, public policy and organizations, while providing a strong theoretical and a practical appreciation for the challenges of maintaining and building institutions of governance and a civic culture in a complex democratic world.

Graduates of the PhD program will be prepared for research-oriented careers in academia, policy analysis, executive public and nonprofit management. For more program details, visit: Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs - The University of Texas at Dallas

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Public Policy and Political Economy

Our nationally recognized, interdisciplinary PhD in Public Policy and Political Economy degree program offers training opportunities for doctoral students from internationally renowned faculty. The mission of the program is to prepare our students for professional positions in research, teaching, and practice in fields related to public policy and political economy, in both academic and nonacademic settings. We prepare students through instruction in social science and public policy concepts, advanced methodological knowledge, applied social research techniques and professional communication skills. PPPE students and faculty are encouraged to promote an inclusive and diverse environment that is committed to continued scholarship and service. For more programs details, visit: Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy and Political Economy – The University of Texas at Dallas

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With an emphasis on the acquisition of theoretical knowledge and social research skills, the Master of Science in Applied Sociology degree program is designed to prepare students for careers in policy analysis, program development and evaluation and quantitative and qualitative data analysis. Taught by internationally recognized faculty at The University of Texas at Dallas, the program equips students with advanced training in areas such as:

- Quantitative methodologies
- Social stratification
- Research design
- Program evaluation
- Applied regression
- Domestic social policy

As public, private, and nonprofit organizations attempt to maximize their human and monetary resources, they often seek professionals with specialized skills to assess program demands and viability, evaluate program success, direct change, and inform policy. Graduates of the Applied Sociology master’s program are trained to fill such roles and contribute their knowledge and skills in employment areas including healthcare, local, state, and national government, nonprofit social services, community activism, marketing research, human resources, and business administration.

Although Applied Sociology is a terminal master’s degree program, graduates interested in doctoral research have been accepted to external sociology doctoral programs throughout the country. The program is open to full- and part-time students, with many classes offered in the late afternoon and evenings. For more program details, visit: MS in Applied Sociology – The University of Texas at Dallas
The Master of Science (MS) in Criminology provides students with a coherent yet intellectually challenging degree that prepares them to conduct interdisciplinary research among the many aspects of criminology and criminal justice, varying with individual interests and areas of specialty. Graduates of the MS program will be competent to teach at the community college and at the university level as adjunct lecturers. Graduates will also be ready to enter analytic and administrative posts within a vast array of research and policy institutions, criminal justice organizations, and in the private sector. For more details, visit: MS in Criminology - The University of Texas at Dallas

Cyber Security, Technology and Policy (STEM Program)

Cyber threats and attacks are increasing in frequency and severity. The MS degree in Cyber Security, Technology and Policy provides the opportunity for both students with prior computer science experience and those coming from nontechnical backgrounds to learn strategic, policy and analytic aspects of cybersecurity. In addition to courses in informational systems, computer science and cognitive psychology, this program provides public policy courses regarding privacy, ethics, data security and regulations, in relation to cybersecurity. This program is set up as a cohort, therefore, only 3 courses per semester are offered at a time. Any student that does not take the courses in the order they are offered risks delaying graduation. For more details, visit: MS in Cyber Security, Technology and Policy - The University of Texas at Dallas
The UTD-NCHU Dual Degree program in Data Science offers a unique opportunity for students from the US and Taiwan to immerse themselves in cutting-edge methods and technologies across two of the world's leading countries in data science. Taiwan, celebrated for its advancements in semiconductors, artificial intelligence, and high-tech industries, provides an ideal environment for budding data scientists. Through this program, students will engage with top scientists, engineers, and data science experts from both nations, opening doors to research and career opportunities in both markets.

Beyond academics, Taiwan stands out as one of Asia's most developed democracies, renowned for its breathtaking mountains, picturesque coastlines, and rich cultural diversity. Students will experience the vibrant city of Taichung, a hub of international culture, home to world-class museums, and an environment that is both accommodating and inspiring. Here, students will also have the chance to learn Chinese, further enriching their international experience. For more details, visit: Dual Degree in Data Science - School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences - The University of Texas at Dallas
Economics (STEM Program)

The Master of Science in Economics degree program introduces students to advanced concepts related to markets, industrial and labor organizations, governmental activities, ownership rights and income distribution, econometrics, and data analytics. The program trains students in the theoretical understanding of economic phenomena, the quantitative skills necessary for applied economics, and the critical thinking abilities that make it possible for students to understand how best to apply economic theory and quantitative skills to real-world problems.

Developed by internationally recognized faculty at The University of Texas at Dallas, the Economics master’s program introduces students to expert training in four critical domains:

- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- Mathematical Economics
- Econometrics

In addition to these core courses, students have many electives to choose from, giving them the ability to tailor their education to fit their unique interests and career aspirations. Emphasizing both theory and quantitative skills — and equipping students with the training and expertise they need to thrive in industry, government, and academia — the program prepares students for exciting careers in a variety of fields. For more details, visit: [MS in Economics – The University of Texas at Dallas](#)

Geospatial Information Sciences (STEM Program)

The MS in Geospatial Information Sciences is a professional program offered jointly by the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences and the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. The program provides students a rigorous understanding of the technologies, quantitative techniques, models, and theories used to acquire and manage spatially referenced information and to analyze spatial processes. For more details, visit: [MS in Geospatial Information Sciences – The University of Texas at Dallas](#)
The Master of Science in Political Science degree program offers advanced instruction in social science literature, theories, and methodologies as they relate to politics, citizenship, governance, and legal and political analysis.

Taught by internationally recognized faculty at The University of Texas at Dallas, the political science master’s program allows students to gain a strong understanding of the field as well as expertise in specific disciplinary areas and subfields, such as:

- Political economy and development
- Comparative politics, courts, and institutions
- Constitutional law and human rights
- International relations
- Civil conflict and conflict management
- Campaigns, elections, and legislative processes
- Democratic theory and public choice
- Election law and electoral systems

With expertise in public policy and processes — and with the opportunity to specialize in one of two concentrations (Law and Courts or Legislative Studies) — graduates of the political science master's program are able to apply political science theories and concepts to many disciplines and career paths while also developing competencies in field-specific analysis, evaluation and research design. For more details, visit: [MA in Political Science – The University of Texas at Dallas](https://www.utdallas.edu/political-science/)

The Master of Public Affairs degree program at The University of Texas at Dallas equips students with the advanced training and expertise they need to succeed in national, state, and local governmental agencies as well as nonprofits, think tanks and industry. Developed by top-tier faculty in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences — and accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) — the Public Affairs program ensures that students graduate with the following:

An understanding of the philosophical, theoretical, and legal foundations of public management, policymaking and leadership in government and nonprofit settings.
An advanced proficiency in organizational analysis, understanding of diversity, social equity and inclusion strategies, research and evaluation practice and quantitative and qualitative methodologies. Mastery of persuasive written and oral communication.

Ranked #1 in North Texas by U.S. News and World Report, the Public Affairs program teaches students how to lead large, complex organizations and conduct complex policy analyses. With a thorough understanding of public and nonprofit management, students are prepared to take on leadership positions in all organizational environments, particularly public and nonprofit institutions.
For more details, visit: MPA – The University of Texas at Dallas
International Political Economy

The Master of Science in International Political Economy degree program prepares students to succeed in a wide range of careers that lie at the intersection of international politics and global economies. Taught by internationally recognized faculty at The University of Texas at Dallas, students will engage in rigorous coursework and develop the advanced training needed to thrive in international diplomatic and business sectors.

The program balances courses in international political economy — from the economics of public policy to the innovation economy — with those in either algebra- or calculus-based quantitative methods, such as applied regression, inferential statistics, or multivariate analysis.

In addition to the required core courses, students can choose from a variety of exciting electives in four key areas:

- Development
- International Conflict and Security
- International Political Economy
- International Business and Public Policy

To meet the needs and demands of international diplomatic and business sectors, the program ensures that students develop advanced skills in areas that are key to any international organization: critical thinking, advanced research, effective communication, and cross-cultural knowledge. For more details, visit: MS in International Political Economy - The University of Texas at Dallas
International Political Economy Dual Degree

Political Economy analyzes how Economics affects Politics, and how Politics affects Economics. International Political Economy (IPE) examines political economy issues in an international context. For example, IPE questions include the following: Why do some countries erect trade barriers to protect domestic companies while others do not? Why do some actors take up arms and organize a rebellion while others pursue peaceful means to resolve economic conflicts?

Up to ten students are admitted both in Dallas and Marburg each year. After studying one year at the university where you were admitted, you then move on to the respective partner university for the second year of their studies. Thus, on the one hand, you get to know different university cultures and teaching approaches. On the other hand, spending one year in Germany and one year in the US gives you the opportunity to experience international differences in terms of politics, economics, social processes, and culture. For more details, visit: Dual Degree MSc IPE School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences - The University of Texas at Dallas

Public Policy

The Master of Public Policy degree program offers students an interdisciplinary graduate education designed to develop skills for careers in both public and private sectors. Taught by internationally recognized faculty, students in the program gain an essential foundation in public policy processes and the analysis and evaluation of public policies, as well as applied economics, statistical analysis, ethics, and effective communication. The program also introduces students to various disciplinary subfields:

- Public Policy
- Development
- International Conflict and Security
- International Political Economy
- Social and Health Policy
- Business, Technology, and Innovation

With coursework and advanced research in core courses, theories of political economy, and analytical methods — and with a solid understanding of public policies and processes — graduate of the program will be well-prepared for analytical and administrative positions and responsibilities in a wide array of public, nonprofit and private organizations as well as advanced study for careers in academia and other research-focused institutions. For more details, visit: Master of Public Policy – The University of Texas at Dallas
The Master of Science in Social Data Analytics and Research degree program builds on faculty expertise in criminology, economics, geospatial information sciences, political science, public and nonprofit management, public policy, political economy, and sociology to equip students with advanced training that is widely applicable in a variety of fields.

As demand for social data production, collection, and analysis increases — driven by government, nonprofit and private sector organizations, as well as doctoral programs and advanced research institutions — students with advanced training and expertise in both quantitative and qualitative methodologies will have the skills and experienced needed to thrive in many different industries. Taught by internationally recognized faculty at The University of Texas at Dallas, graduates of the Social Data Analytics and Research program develop advanced expertise in:

- Social science research design and evaluation.
- Quantitative and qualitative data discovery and analysis.
- Social science methodologies, theories, and philosophical dimensions, as well as the ethics of social science practice.
- Applied social science in the service of public policy and action.

Responding to an ever-increasing need across public and private sectors for social data analytics and research, the program equips students with rigorous multidisciplinary proficiencies in social data production, collection, and investigation. For more details, visit: [MS in Social Data Analytics and Research – The University of Texas at Dallas](#)

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Certificate Programs

Geospatial Information Sciences:

Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

The Geographic Information Systems Certificate requires completion of five (5) graduate courses (15 semester credit hours). No more than six (6) semester credit hours from other institutions may be applied to the required 15 semester credit hours. The courses taken for this certificate will apply for Master of Science in Geospatial Information Sciences degree. Courses taken as part of the certificate can be taken in conjunction with the Graduate Certificates in Geospatial Intelligence and Remote Sensing. Certificate must be completed within a 3-year time-period with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

For more details, visit: Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems - The University of Texas at Dallas

Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT)

The Geospatial Intelligence Certificate requires the completion of five (5) graduate courses (15 semester credit hours). No more than six (6) semester credit hours from other institutions may be applied to the required 15 semester credit hours. The courses taken for this certificate will apply for Master of Science in Geospatial Information Sciences degree. Courses taken as part of the certificate can be taken in conjunction with the Graduate Certificates in Geospatial Information Systems and Remote Sensing. Certificate must be completed within a 3-year time-period with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

For more details, visit: Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Intelligence - The University of Texas at Dallas

Graduate Certificate in Remote Sensing

The Remote Sensing Certificate requires the completion of five (5) graduate courses (15 semester credit hours). No more than six (6) semester credit hours from other institutions may be applied to the required 15 semester credit hours. The courses taken for this certificate will apply for Master of Science in Geospatial Information Sciences degree. Courses taken as part of the certificate can be taken in conjunction with the Graduate Certificates in Geospatial Information Systems and Geospatial Intelligence. Certificate must be completed within a 3-year time-period with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

For more details, visit: Graduate Certificate in Remote Sensing - The University of Texas at Dallas
Graduate Certificate in Spatial Data Science

The Spatial Data Science Certificate requires completion of five (5) graduate courses (15 semester credit hours). The courses taken for this certificate will apply to Master of Science in Geospatial Information Sciences degree. Courses taken as part of this certificate also can be taken in conjunction with the Graduate Certificates in Geographic Information System, Geospatial Intelligence, and Remote Sensing. Certificate must be completed within a 3-year time-period with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

For more details, visit: [Graduate Certificate in Spatial Data Science - The University of Texas at Dallas](#)

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Public Policy & Political Economy:

**Graduate Certificate in Economic and Demographic Data Analysis**

The Economic and Demographic Data Analysis Certificate is for students who want to gain competencies in research design, quantitative analysis, and statistical modeling for applications in the fields such as public policy, urban affairs, public health, economic development, criminology, public management, financial institutions, and marketing. The certificate requires the completion of five (5) graduate courses (15 semester credit hours). The courses may be incorporated into various graduate degree programs in the school of EPPS. Consult with the graduate advisor for more information. Certificate must be completed within a 3-year time-period with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

For more details, visit: [Graduate Certificate in Economic and Demographic Data Analysis - The University of Texas at Dallas](#)

**Graduate Certificate in Program Evaluation**

The Program Evaluation Certificate offers students an opportunity to gain competencies in the design and implementation of program evaluation in various fields of public policy such as education, health care, human services, criminal justice, and economic development. The courses may be incorporated into various graduate degree programs in the school of EPPS. Consult with the graduate advisor for more information. Students lacking appropriate preparation may be asked to take needed courses prior to admission to the certificate program. Certificate must be completed within a 3-year time-period with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

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Economics:

Graduate Certificate in International Banking and Monetary Systems

The Graduate Certificate in International Banking and Monetary Systems focuses on the systematic study of mathematical and statistical analysis of economic phenomena and problems. Includes instruction in economic statistics, optimization theory, cost/benefit analysis, price theory, economic modeling, and economic forecasting and evaluation. The courses taken for this certificate are applicable towards the Master of Science in Economics degree. Certificate must be completed within a 3-year time-period with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

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Public & Nonprofit Management:

Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management

The Local Government Management Graduate Certificate is for local government professionals and for MPA students who desire to broaden their knowledge of important issues and approaches employed by professional local public administrators. The certificate requires the completion of four (4) graduate courses (12 semester credit hours). The courses taken for this certificate are applicable towards the Master of Public Affairs degree. Certificate must be completed within a 3-year time-period with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

For more details, visit: Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management - The University of Texas at Dallas

Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management

The Certificate in Nonprofit Management is designed to provide an overview of the nature and context of nonprofit organizations combined with skill-based courses to develop the competencies needed by nonprofit managers. The certificate is intended for professionals already working in the nonprofit sector, those working in private for-profit or governmental settings who would like to work or volunteer in the nonprofit sector, and students without professional experience who seek to prepare themselves for nonprofit careers. The certificate requires the completion of four (4) graduate courses (12 semester credit hours). The courses taken for this certificate are best applicable towards the Master of Public Affairs or the Master of Science in Applied Sociology degree. Certificate must be completed within a 3-year time-period with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

For more details, visit: Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management - The University of Texas at Dallas

Graduate Certificate in Public Budgeting and Financial Management

The Graduate Certificate in Public Budgeting and Financial Management is designed to enhance students' understanding and experience in public budgeting and financial management and control, governmental or non-profit accounting, and public expenditure planning, management, and fiscal control. The applied and experiential nature of the advanced courses in this certificate will prepare students for a variety of positions in government finance and budgeting, management, ratio analysis that is critical to nonprofit and government, and applied program and policy analysis. The certificate requires the completion of four (4) graduate courses (12 semester credit hours). The courses taken for this certificate are applicable towards the Master of Public Affairs degree. Certificate must be completed within a 3-year time-period with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

For more details, visit: Graduate Certificate in Public Budgeting and Financial Management - The University of Texas at Dallas
Graduate Certificate in Public Human Resources Management

The Graduate Certificate in Public Human Resources Management is designed to give students a full introduction to the principles, strategies, and techniques of public human resources management. The program will foster a deep understanding of organizational development, diversity and effective change management; workforce planning and strategic recruitment; and training and performance management in the public and nonprofit sectors. The certificate requires the completion of four (4) graduate courses (12 semester credit hours). The courses taken for this certificate are applicable towards the Master of Public Affairs degree. Certificate must be completed within a 3-year time-period with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

For more details, visit: Graduate Certificate in Public Human Resources Management - The University of Texas at Dallas

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Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships

Apart from the graduate assistantships and the university’s scholarships, the School of EPPS offers several scholarships and fellowships to graduate students to support their research works. The online application for the fellowships opens at the beginning of the spring semester of each academic year.

Here are some of the scholarships available to graduate students:

- Douglas J. Watson Fellowship
- Government and Political Science Fellowship
- Vibhooti Shukla Graduate Fellowship
- Keith Lankford Taylor Fellowship
- Larry D. Terry Scholarship
- Rita Mae Kelly Scholarship
- GIS Pioneer Scholarships
- Cybersecurity Scholarship for Service
- NTX ISSA Scholarship for Cyber Security, Technology and Policy

For more details, visit: https://epps.utdallas.edu/future-students/scholarships/
Leadership

The School of EPPS leadership team is formed with Executive Staff and Dean’s Advisory Council members. The leadership team works to ensure academic and administrative excellence to make the EPPS suitable to fulfill its mission: to prepare current and future leaders to tackle the challenges that our society and economy are going through.

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EPPS Faculty  
Faculty at EPPS represents diverse backgrounds and multidisciplinary fields, with many being award-winning scholars in their respective research areas. These top academics are committed to fostering student success, both in the classroom and beyond. To see the full list of faculties please visit: https://epps.utdallas.edu/about/faculty/ or scan the QR code:
Graduate Advising

Graduate Advising is available for master’s and doctoral students on an appointment basis. The advising committee consists of master’s and Ph.D. program advisors, in addition to graduate program administrators. Students can get a wide range of academic counseling supports from their advisors. The advisors assist students with their challenges, achieving academic excellence, and preparing for future career endeavors. Graduate program administrators help students by providing academic and administrative supports regularly. To know the appropriate contact, please have a look at the following list and visit the graduate advising site at https://epps.utdallas.edu/current-students/graduate-advising/.

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The School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS) produces scholarship stretching beyond boundaries to impact communities, regions, nations, and the world. EPPS faculty and students contribute to the latest research in their disciplines. EPPS is home to four research centers that engage in ground-breaking research on a variety of social science topics. These centers are supported by the UT Dallas Office of Research.

**DFW Federal Statistical Research Data Center**

The [DFW Federal Statistical Research Data Center (RDC)](https://www.ewr.nsf.gov/) provides access to a library of restricted-use data to qualified researchers. UT Dallas is a partner in the consortium that supports the RDC, which is located inside the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. The RDC hosts a secure computing environment where researchers with approved projects can use restricted-access versions of important data sets including the Current Population Survey, SIPP, American Community Survey, National Crime Victimization Survey, and a variety of data sets from the US Census, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the National Center for Health Statistics, and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, among others. All research using these data must be conducted within this facility.

**Geospatial Health Research Group**

The [Geospatial Health Research Group (GHRG)](https://www.geospatialresearch.com/) is a research and training working group committed to address various global health concerns and improve public policies and practices using geospatial analysis techniques. GHRG trusts the power of collaborative efforts to resolve complex and multifaceted problems in global health and environment and welcomes collaboration and partnership opportunities with academic and professional communities around the world.

**Institute for Urban Policy Research**

The mission of this institute is to improve decision-making in the critical areas that influence economic growth and the distribution of income and wealth in regional and sub-regional economies. The center aims to integrate the tools and theories of economics and decision science with those from psychology, sociology, public health, and other social sciences in order to better understand the dynamic and spatial structure of the Metroplex. The institute helps Dallas-area businesses, governments and nonprofits identify opportunities for investments, volunteer activities, philanthropic giving, and public policies that positively affect the economic condition of neighborhoods and the region. It provides an institution where bankers, investors, real estate brokers, policy makers, students and community leaders can go to seek answers to questions that directly impact local economic development.

For more information about the center, visit this link: [https://urbanpolicyresearch.org/](https://urbanpolicyresearch.org/)
Texas Schools Project

Texas Schools Project is one of the premier university-based education research institutions in the country. Leading scholars in Texas and throughout the country use the center’s resources to focus on relevant, policy-related questions that affect students in Texas and the nation. Much of the work within the Texas Schools Project relates to teacher quality, English language learners, college preparatory curriculum, and improving transitions to and success in postsecondary education.

For more information, check their website: https://tsp.utdallas.edu/

UT Dallas Education Research Center

The University of Texas at Dallas Education Research Center supports independent, high-quality research by providing data access and related services to those conducting studies designed to benefit education in Texas. Established in 2007 as a result of 79th Texas legislative session which authorized the Education Research Center program in Texas, the UT Dallas Education Research Center maintains unparalleled individual-level administrative pre-kindergarten to college-level data and workforce data. This allows researchers to study the progress of Texas students throughout their education and into the workforce.

For more information, check their website: https://tsp.utdallas.edu/ut-dallas-education-research-center/
The Pathways to Employment Series brings EPPS and the University Career Center together with current UT Dallas students for advice on how to find their ideal role. It features panel discussions with industry professionals and hiring experts. The archived playlist of the past Pathways to Employment sessions can be found here: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhYh-l-tA96olhP5LF1MIVyr9EiVzXr3m

GROW (Graduate Readiness Orientation & Workshop) is an online workshop open to all graduate students (both existing and incoming). Topics covered in these webinars include research possibilities and opportunities for graduate students, scholarships and other resources for the graduate students, role of different organizations created to help graduate students, as well as important information related to the arrival of international students.
We invite a special array of guests to speak with our students. From musical acts to hiring experts from the federal government, we ensure that each session is both engaging and beneficial to our students’ growth and development.

Each program within EPPS also hosts a variety of unique events, featuring exciting activities and distinguished speakers.
Student Organization at EPPS

The School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences offers several student organizations for students with interests in criminal justice, geospatial information sciences, law, local government, economics, student health, political science, public policy, sociology, and student government.

**Criminology Graduate Student Association**

CGSA seeks to serve as the voice of the criminology graduate students, facilitate professional development, and foster relationships among students. We hold several events throughout the year, including a brown bag lecture series. At these meetings, we host different faculty members sharing their expertise on a wide range of topics, from grant writing to publishing to non-academic jobs. We also serve our community throughout the year. We are open to any criminology graduate student at UTD.

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**Geospatial Information Sciences Student Organization**

The GISSO Student Organization is dedicated to the promotion of scientific knowledge in the various disciplines of geography and remote sensing including but not limited to: mapping, spatial information management, and the related sciences. This organization fosters understanding and cooperation and to expedite the exchange of knowledge and ideas among the members and with those of other national and international organizations with similar or related interests. Anyone with interests in GIS/Remote Sensing and related fields is welcome to join us.

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**Information Systems Security Association (ISSA)**

The Information Systems Security Association (ISSA)® is a nonprofit, international organization of information security professionals and practitioners. It provides educational forums, publications, and peer interaction opportunities that enhance the knowledge, skill, and professional growth of its members. The goal of our student organization is to bridge the gap between academia and cybersecurity industry. We offer our student members the exclusive opportunity to connect and network with cybersecurity professionals and the ability to grow in their career.

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ICMA Student Chapters introduce and integrate students into the local government management profession and familiarize them with members, resources, and the ICMA Code of Ethics. As a part of ICMA's Next Generation Initiatives, chapters exist to establish connections between ICMA, schools, students, state associations, and managers.

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**John Marshall Pre-Law Society**

The purpose of the society shall be to promote the understanding of the legal profession, the law, and government operation; to assist its members in the processes of entering the legal profession; and to recognize and encourage scholarship and leadership among UTD pre-law students.

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**Moot Court**

An exercise in appellate advocacy, UTD’s Moot Court is modeled after the appellate procedure employed in state and federal courts. Students are given a hypothetical case and about 20-25 actual precedents with which to construct both petitioner and respondent oral arguments on a Constitutional Law topic to present to the Supreme Court of the United States. Students take a class to develop, practice and refine oral arguments for tournament competition. To participate on the team, students must be enrolled in the Moot Court class, which is designed to run for an entire academic year and has a limit of twelve. Instructor permission is required to enroll, with the strong preference that the student has taken Constitutional Law or an equivalent class beforehand.

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**Nu Lambda Mu**

This international honor society was established by the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council to recognize students dedicated to the study of nonprofit management, philanthropy, and social entrepreneurship/enterprise. UTD students with the undergraduate minor or certificate in nonprofit management or the graduate certificate in nonprofit management are eligible.

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**Omicron Delta Epsilon**

The objectives of Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE) are recognition of scholastic attainment and the honoring of outstanding achievements in economics; the establishment of closer ties between students and faculty in economics within colleges and universities, and among colleges and universities.

To become a member and to pay the $40 membership fee, you must do the following: go to the ODE website and click on “merchandise.” At the bottom of this page is the membership registration and payment by credit card option. Once you register and pay, please let the advisor know; a separate registration form (A1 form) is filled out by the advisor. Visit the [ODE merchandise page](#) to apply/pay for membership.

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**Partners in Health Engage**

Partners in Health Engage at UTD aims to advance global health equity by educating and lobbying members of Congress about upcoming legislation and by directly fundraising for the construction of healthcare facilities in developing countries including the Butaro District Hospital in Rwanda.

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**Pi Alpha Alpha**

The purpose of Pi Alpha Alpha is to encourage and recognize outstanding scholarship and accomplishment in public affairs and administration. Its objectives, such as fostering integrity, professionalism, and effective performance, promote the advancement of quality in the education and practice of the art and science of public affairs and administration.

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**Pi Sigma Alpha**

Pi Sigma Alpha is the only honor society for college students of political science and government in the United States. The organization seeks to stimulate scholarship and intelligent interest in political science. Pi Sigma Alpha members can benefit from events and programs organized at a national level that promote the profession of political science. Pi Sigma Alpha is designated as a “Specialized, Upper-Division” society by the Association of College Honor Societies and PSA seeks to enhance students’ understanding of the field and various opportunities.

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Public Policy and Political Science Association

The Public Policy and Political Science Association (PPPSA) serves as a resource for graduate students enrolled in the Political Science (PSCI) and Public Policy and Political Economy (PPPE) graduate programs. Its aim is to enrich the academic, professional, and social experiences of its members through an array of events and resources. From networking mixers and cultural celebrations to professional speaker series and workshops, the PPPSA offers support to help students thrive in their academic pursuits and prepare for the challenges of the job market. Whether seeking to expand their professional network, glean insights from industry and academia experts, or refine their skills, the PPPSA can provide invaluable resources and opportunities for our members. Joining the PPPSA community ensures access to a supportive network dedicated to enhancing graduate student success.

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Sociology Club

The Sociology Club at UT Dallas is a way for sociology students to be heard. The organization offers students the opportunity to discuss and question the state of society’s institutions; inequality among races, classes, and genders; structural barriers and systems in healthcare, education, and religion; and social policy and how it affects society.

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Student Government

The mission of the Student Government is to ensure that UT Dallas is fully committed to serving the collective interests of the student body. In this capacity, we serve as the official student voice to UT Dallas administration, the UT System Board of Regents and other governmental entities. Student Government seeks to enhance spirit, protect University traditions, and support all students and student organizations in their academic and community-directed endeavors.

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UTD Association of Fundraising Professionals:

The UTD student chapter of the worldwide Association of Fundraising Professionals introduces the world of fundraising to interested students. We hold workshops, guest speakers from the nonprofit industry, and provide trainings to other student organizations and nonprofits on fundraising techniques. No experience necessary – just interest!

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Student Academic Resources

Graduate Catalog

Visit the Graduate Catalog for program, department and university policies and procedures. All information about your program, degree, and graduation requirements can be found here. For questions or concerns about your program or degree always consult with your PhD or master’s advisor.

2024-2025 Graduate Catalog: https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2024/graduate/home/.
School of EPPS: https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2024/graduate/programs/epps.

Academic Calendar

Visit and save the Academic Calendar webpage. This calendar will have all academic and tuition deadlines for all the semesters in which you enroll for courses.

Fall 2024 Calendar: https://utdallas.app.box.com/s/wr23nbc0c0nzosl6wvru83kp3u66xlzg
Spring 2025 Calendar: https://utdallas.app.box.com/s/tgjt9vqbmsy4ag2p52rntdnk5bclkzrd
All Calendars: https://www.utdallas.edu/academics/calendar/

Student Campus Resources

ISSO (International Students and Scholars Office)

The International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) provides international students, scholars and visitors, campus units and university administration through accurate and prompt immigration services, programming, advocacy, and outreach. The office provides immigration advising to help manage student immigration status. They offer one-on-one appointments, group advising, and live chat sessions with advisors. You can also send a message to an advisor through the iComet.

Visit with ISSO for information on any of the following:

- I-20: https://isso.utdallas.edu/joining-ut-dallas/apply-i-20/
- Visa Criteria and status
- CPT and OPT questions and procedures: https://isso.utdallas.edu/employment-and-internships/is-employment/cpt/.
- STEM OPT extensions: https://isso.utdallas.edu/employment-and-internships/is-employment/opt-extension/.
- Academic requirements: https://isso.utdallas.edu/immigration-status/enroll-reg/.
- International Student Success Office: https://isso.utdallas.edu/international-student-success/.

For detailed information, please visit: https://isso.utdallas.edu/
Office of Graduate Education

The Office of Graduate Education collaborates with students and encourages them to immerse themselves in their education and to challenge themselves to make original, creative contributions. They support graduate students from the time they are admitted until they complete their degrees. The Office of Graduate Education directs incoming students to information on financial aid and housing, offers professional development and social events for graduate students, documents that students have earned their degree requirements, supports students in meeting the format requirements for theses and dissertations, and assists in responding to any challenges along the way.

For more information, please visit: https://graduate.utdallas.edu/

Bursar’s Office

The Bursar’s Office is responsible for the assessment and collection of tuition and fees for the university. The mission of the Bursar at the University of Texas at Dallas is to handle all financial transactions involving students, faculty and staff as efficiently and accurately as possible, while always providing our customers with the highest level of respectful and excellent customer service.

For information about tuition or any other financial transactions please visit: https://bursar.utdallas.edu/.

Office of Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid is here to assist you as you navigate the financial aid process. Many of your answers are available on their website including their chatbot. The Office of Financial Aid can assist you with the following:

- Grants
- Student Loans
- Scholarships: https://finaid.utdallas.edu/scholarships/
- Work-Study Eligibility
- Maintaining Aid & Estimated Costs
- Assistance with FAFSA and/or TAFSA

For more information, please visit: https://finaid.utdallas.edu
Military and Veteran Center

The Military and Veteran Center (MVC) provides comprehensive support for military-affiliated students, from admission through graduation, to facilitate the achievement of academic and career goals.

- Military-affiliated students include:
  - Veterans
  - Current military service members (Active/Guard/Reserve)
  - Military spouses and dependents
  - ROTC cadets

The MVC has four goals:

- Foster community among students during their transition to campus life and with the UTD alumni veteran network.
- Honor military service within the UTD community and recognize academic achievements.
- Connect students to the resources, services, and programs they need to be successful at UTD and beyond.
- Inform/educate the campus, community, and prospective students.

For more information, please visit: [https://veterans.utdallas.edu/](https://veterans.utdallas.edu/).
Are you new to the United States? The Big Howdy event is here to make your transition smoother and more enjoyable. From the moment you arrive, the Big Howdy team is ready to assist you. We provide airport rides for incoming students from DFW Airport to UT Dallas, ensuring a warm welcome right from the start.

Join us at the Big Howdy Welcome Party to connect with community partners and fellow international students. It's a fantastic opportunity to make new friends and feel at home. There is also a furniture giveaway to help you settle in your new place!

Our team is also dedicated to helping new students with rides to local grocery stores and offering guidance on navigating your new environment. We're here to support you every step of the way.

Don't miss out on these wonderful opportunities to ease your transition and start your journey at UT Dallas!