College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS
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Message From Our Dean

To those considering enrolling in one of our programs, we thank you for your interest and inquiry. I'm proud to say that our programs are designed to prepare students to become active professionals and leaders in careers that are cornerstones to developing and sustaining communities, ensuring proper oversight, and advocating for general and need-based populations. Needless to say, our students tend to have a heightened drive to pursue their goals and a passion for their personal aspirations.

We recognize and respect that talent and tenacious commitment by offering degrees and concentrations built on principles of communication, social awareness, critical thinking, and ethical decision-making to address the complex, evolving, and at times unique challenges our students will face in their careers. Purdue University Global's interactive platform provides students with the opportunity to exchange ideas with like-minded classmates and faculty in an environment that encourages individuals to become change agents.

Every day, I see determined individuals driven to acquire the skills, knowledge, and presence of mind they need to “advance confidently in the direction of their dreams,” to quote philosopher Henry David Thoreau. Over the past 15 years, I’ve been fortunate to learn how many of our students have done just that, making a difference and fulfilling their personal and professional dreams.

I take pride in knowing that Purdue Global helped our graduates take the next step in their careers and in their lives. It's a thrilling, rewarding, and, more than anything, inspiring experience. I hope you will consider becoming a part of our exciting online academic community.

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College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Purdue Global

Purdue’s Online University for Working Adults

Backed by one of the most respected universities in the nation, Purdue Global is built for the driven adult learner. Get the online flexibility you need to fit a respected degree into your life.

An Entire Campus, Online
The hub of your student life is entirely online at Purdue Global Campus. This is where you’ll find all of your courses, degree plans, support services, and the tools and resources you need to succeed.

Cutting-Edge Courses
At Purdue Global, your courses will be interactive and engaging. We use advanced technology and enhanced delivery methods that make classes accessible and easy to use. Navigate lessons and web field trips with a simple click, and communicate with fellow students and faculty through discussion boards.

Learning Online, But Not on Your Own
Online learning has a reputation for being a solitary experience. Not at Purdue Global. Connect to peers and faculty in and out of class through a variety of opportunities including:

- Live seminars
- Roundtable discussions
- Speaker series webinars that connect students, alumni, subject-matter experts, and industry leaders
- Discussion boards to foster lively academic discussions
- Social media tools including school-specific Facebook pages and community interactions
- Special career-specific activities, events, and clubs that allow you to meet and network with people in your field

Giving You the Credit You Deserve
You’ve spent years working hard and building knowledge, and Purdue Global values your experiences. We offer several pathways that help you save time and money as you earn your degree:

- Earn academic credit for prior college education, as well as work and life experience
- Choose an accelerated bachelor’s-to-master’s degree option
- Qualify for reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, including Guard and Reserve, military veterans, and their spouses
- Start whenever you’re ready – our 10-week academic terms begin every month

Academic Quality

Career-Focused Curriculums
Come back qualified for the roles you want. Our programs and courses are regularly monitored to ensure current industry alignment. Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC (HLCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Expert Faculty With Real-World Experience
Our faculty are experienced practitioners, many of whom hold advanced degrees in their respective fields. They have the first-hand knowledge and subject-matter proficiency to shape our curriculum to meet your needs. Nearly all of Purdue Global’s more than 1,500 faculty members (98%) have an advanced academic degree; 48% hold a doctorate.

Personalized Degree Paths
Whether entering a new field or enhancing your established career, Purdue Global delivers a curriculum that helps you reach your unique goals. Personalize your degree through concentrations or open electives that set you up for success.
A Network of Good

There’s a growing need for professionals who contribute to the well-being of society. Don’t just go back to school — come back stronger and more prepared than ever to support your community. Whether your passion resides in applying and interpreting laws and regulations, improving community governance, or making a difference in an individual’s life, Purdue Global is here to help you advance in your chosen field and bring about positive change.³

TRY OUR CLASSES BEFORE YOU OWE ANY TUITION.

That’s the Purdue Global Commitment
You should feel fully confident about where you choose to pursue your education — before you owe any tuition. Start your comeback with a Purdue Global undergraduate program for an introductory 3-week period to see if online learning is right for you.⁵
Degrees and Programs

Purdue Global's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences offers a wide breadth of academic programs that develop professionals, leaders, and change agents in fields that make a difference in response to human and societal causes, issues, and needs. Whether you are planning to start or advance your career, or are pursuing a career change, our programs can help you meet your goals.

Clubs and Organizations

Purdue Global's Office of Student Life offers programs and services aimed at helping students engage in their program of study outside the classroom and providing both personal and professional growth opportunities.

**Student organizations include:**
- Ambassadors and Leaders Group
- Autism Speaks U
- Educators Association
- Psychology Club
- Human Services Club
- Law Society
- Student Military Association
- Opportunities With Life Studies (OWLS)

**Honor Societies**

Your academic achievement deserves recognition. University chapters include:
- Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society
- Golden Key International Honour Society
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- Psi Chi (International Honor Society in Psychology)
- The Society for Collegiate Leadership and Achievement
- Tau Upsilon Alpha Honor Society (National Honor Society in Human Services)
Environmental Policy

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Management

A new “green” economy is gaining a stronghold in the private and public sectors. New regulations and incentives are driving change, creating careers that require knowledge and accountability in environmental policy. Purdue Global's environmental policy and management program is designed to help you build your expertise and prepare to expand your professional opportunities.

The degree is designed to provide graduates with a deep understanding of the environmental policy-making process and help them develop the skills to enact and enforce that policy within a variety of organizations—both in and outside of “green” industries.

Blending science and business skills with environmental and regulatory knowledge, you could help organizations make effective environmental policy or management decisions. Discover how to create environmental policy on both large and small scales, and how environmental issues can be resolved and implemented.

The Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Management program offers an interdisciplinary opportunity to study environmental issues and policy from a perspective that explores the interrelationship between public and private sectors and society, economics, and the environment.

The program focuses on the environment in conjunction with a set of core courses in science, economics, and policy. You will study how institutions in society, including government, businesses, and nonprofits, all participate in devising solutions to environmental issues. This interdisciplinary program draws courses and faculty from disciplines across Purdue Global including business, social and behavioral sciences, health sciences, and legal studies.

Fast Track to a Master’s Degree

Our flexible degree pathways allow you to work toward a Purdue Global master's degree in public administration, human services, legal studies, or psychology while you earn your bachelor's degree. Complete both your bachelor's degree and master's degree in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately.

HIGHLIGHTED COURSES

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Bachelor of Science in Sustainability

Move your career forward in the fast-changing field of sustainability. The online bachelor's degree at Purdue Global prepares you to take on the critical environmental, economic, and social issues of our time. Equip yourself with the knowledge and capabilities to pursue roles in corporate sustainability, environmental consulting, health care, natural sciences management, operations management, politics, and urban and regional planning. You'll be able to guide organizations in sustainable practices and work toward a more resilient future for all.

At its core, the bachelor's degree curriculum builds your understanding of environmental and sustainability issues so you can make effective, ethical, and reasoned decisions. Your courses combine science with communication, data literacy, policy, management, and leadership principles to give you a well-rounded perspective. Depending on your concentration, delve deeper into questions regarding sustainability and decision management, international business development, environmental resilience and conservation, public health, social justice, and supply chain management.
At the end of the program, you’ll be able to evaluate environmental regulations and policy, and interpret sustainability research to develop new solutions to complex issues. You’ll graduate knowing the impact that humans, technology, culture, economics, and other factors have on the environment at the local and global levels. And you’ll have the skills to communicate your ideas across various sectors. With the online bachelor’s in sustainability, prepare to become the professional that organizations turn to and drive positive change in your workplace and the world.  

**Fast Track to a Master’s Degree**

Our flexible degree pathways allow you to work toward a Purdue Global master’s degree in public administration, human services, homeland security and emergency management, education, instructional design and technology, legal studies, and psychology. Complete both your bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately.  

**Public Administration**

**Master of Public Administration**

This program is designed to prepare you to work within government agencies at the federal, state, and local levels, as well as nonprofit and for-profit nongovernment organizations (NGOs) and corporations that work closely with the government. The program teaches you management and decision-making skills to help you become a successful leader. Courses focus on in-depth management and public policy knowledge relevant to today’s public sector. You will study how to evaluate, implement, and manage policy while developing the skills to help you make decisions in the public interest.
Admissions

Purdue Global is committed to admitting individuals who are academically prepared to succeed in our programs. We are also committed to making the process as easy and straightforward as possible. Your Admissions Advisor will walk you through the entire process and is there to answer your questions.

Admissions Overview

Specific admissions requirements vary by program, and details can be found in the University Catalog (Catalog.PurdueGlobal.edu). No matter what educational or career path you choose, you can expect to do the following:

- Complete an interview with your Admissions Advisor in which you identify your educational and professional goals, ask questions, and explore whether Purdue Global is right for you.
- Take a virtual tour to see what our online classrooms are really like.
- Submit any required documents (e.g., unofficial transcripts).
- Complete and sign your Enrollment Agreement.

Basic Requirements

Undergraduate Applicants
You must have completed high school or received a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) or other approved equivalent.

Graduate Applicants
You must have completed a bachelor’s degree program at an accredited college or university with a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) or higher.

International Applicants
You will need to provide evidence of English language proficiency.

Transcripts from foreign institutions must meet the same requirements as domestic institutions and must be translated and evaluated by an approved foreign credential evaluator prior to enrollment.

Speak to your Admissions Advisor for information related to international availability. Not all programs are available for enrollment.

ONLINE LIBRARY
Access books and other resources without having to leave your desk.

Through the Purdue Global Library’s website, you will have access to thousands of e-books and periodicals, including professional, scholarly, and trade journals, and other monographs. Because library skills are an integral part of your academic achievement, guidance on the use of our research tools and resources is available to you through interactions with library staff, video demonstrations, and other instructional aids. Professional librarians and trained support personnel are available to assist you by email, live chat, and telephone.
Paying For School

Financial Aid

Our Student Finance Office works with you from enrollment to graduation to ensure you understand your financial options and to help you plan the most efficient use of your resources. Together, we'll help you find the fastest, most affordable path to your degree.

Before enrolling at Purdue Global, we encourage you to explore all available financial options, including employer tuition benefits, military tuition assistance, and tuition reductions.

Financial aid is available to those who qualify. Financial aid awards vary depending on individual student eligibility and need.

Loans (Subject to Eligibility Requirements)

- Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan (undergraduate only)
- Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan
- Federal PLUS Loan and Graduate Federal PLUS Loan
- Alternative Loans

Other Agencies and Programs for Eligible Students

- Promise Jobs
- Veterans Administration Benefits
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES)

Employer Relationships

Purdue Global partners with a variety of organizations to provide educational benefits to their employees. Speak with your human resources department about your eligibility for benefits including:

- Tuition reduction on undergraduate and graduate programs
- Textbooks included for undergraduate programs
- Additional savings for Indiana resident employees

Giving You the Credit You Deserve

You've spent years working hard and building knowledge, and Purdue Global values your experiences. It's time to get credit for the life you've lived and all you've already learned. We offer several pathways to turn that experience into college credit:

- Transfer of eligible credits earned at an accredited institution
- College credit opportunities for work and life experiences
- Competency assessments to earn course credit
- Credit for eligible professional certifications
- PME2Degree™ program that awards college credit for military training

To apply for credit, you must first submit official transcripts, course descriptions, and supporting documentation to the Office of the Registrar.

Visit Catalog.PurdueGlobal.edu for the Prior Learning policy.

Note: Unless by specific arrangement, graduate students are not eligible for experiential credit or credit by examination.
Uncompromising Support

Come Back With a Community by Your Side

You’re not alone on your educational journey. From highly engaged faculty to technical assistance and career guidance, you’ll have access to a variety of resources that help you achieve your most ambitious goals.

Personal Support

Student support staff work with you one on one to provide individualized guidance on:

- Degree planning
- Answers to questions about your program
- Motivation to stay on track to graduation
- Access to resources and academic tools
- Course selection and registration
- Helping you handle issues before they become problems

Tutoring Services and Academic Success Centers

Purdue Global offers rich academic support through a suite of tutoring services. Our Writing Center, Math Center, Technology Center, Science Center, and Business Center provide subject-specific assistance. Depending on the center, services can include:

- Live tutoring from faculty and professional tutors
- Subject support, including an essay review service
- Workshops covering a wide range of topics
- Podcasts, self-paced tutorials, and additional resources

Center for Career Advancement

Career Specialists help you leverage your education and professional experience to market yourself toward the roles you’re after.

The Center for Career Advancement offers:

- Career planning to ensure a personalized approach to pursuing your goals
- Résumé and cover letter reviews, mock interview assistance, and networking advice
- 24/7 access to the Center for Career Advancement portal on Purdue Global Campus, which includes job postings and career services tools
- An official competency report that lets you show employers your work-related skills and readiness to contribute on day one
- A mentoring program to help connect you with alumni in your field

Student Accessibility Services

We’re committed to making quality online education accessible to all. Students seeking reasonable and appropriate accommodations may request, through student support staff or directly, to contact Student Accessibility Services.
Military Overview

Here for Every Military Comeback

If you or your spouse served in the U.S. Armed Forces, Purdue Global provides support to help you reach your educational and career goals — whether military or civilian. That includes:

- Reduced tuition for servicemembers, including National Guard and Reserve, spouses, and veterans
- College credit for DANTES/CLEP exams and eligible military occupations or training
- Specially trained staff within our Military Student Support Center who understand military culture, procedures, and complex military educational benefits
- Compliance with Executive Order 13607, establishing principles of excellence for educational institutions serving servicemembers, veterans, their spouses, and other family members
- Special deployment policies if you need to drop a course or take a leave of absence due to a deployment or change of orders

About Purdue Global

Backed by the power of Purdue University, Purdue Global delivers a fully personalized online experience that’s tailored to the unique needs of the adult learner. It’s built specifically for working adults who want a degree they can be proud of, and one that employers will respect.

Purdue Global offers more than 175 online programs at the associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral levels, with courses taught by highly respected faculty members who are experts in their fields. Our dedicated faculty and support teams are here every step of the way to help you make your comeback real, providing one-on-one mentoring, educational advising, and comprehensive career services from day one to graduation and beyond.
If you have questions about admissions requirements or financial aid, or need help determining which program is right for you, contact an Advisor.

Call 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ
For comprehensive consumer information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.
Degree plan information is current as of November 8, 2023, and is subject to change. For official course offerings, programs, and curriculum requirements, please refer to Catalog.PurdueGlobal.edu.
1. Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit from any of these sources. See the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy. Graduate students are not eligible for experiential credit.
2. The University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any future programs.
3. Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement.
4. Statistics include all Purdue Global faculty members and are not school or program-specific calculations. Source: Purdue Global Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2022. 2021-2022 academic year.
5. Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for new qualifying undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at Purdue Global will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.