Enhance your analytical skills in political, non-profit and public policy.

The Policy Analysis Graduate Certificate provides the analytic skills needed by professionals from diverse backgrounds who are required to conduct or understand policy analysis and program planning in the public or not-for-profit sectors.

**Program Snapshot**

**Program type:** Certificate - Graduate  
**Format:** On-campus or online  
**Est. time to complete:** 2+ years  
**Credit hours:** 12

**Why Study Policy Analysis at UND?**

This graduate certificate seeks to provide the analytic skills needed by professionals from many academic backgrounds who are required to do or understand policy analysis and program planning in the public and not-for-profit sectors. Even managers who do not do research themselves must understand the work of others if they are to make informed decisions based on the information provided in research reports.

While studying at UND, understand specific topics related to policy, including:

- Various approaches to analyzing political phenomena  
- Techniques of empirical research including research design, measurement, data gathering and data analysis  
- Use of empirical theory and techniques to make policy choices  
- Initiation, formulation, adoption, implementation and evaluation of American public policy  
- Contemporary structural and policy problems of state and local governments  
- Structures, processes, procedures and positions of the legislative and executive offices in government

**Application Deadlines**

| FALL  | May 15* | Aug. 1  
| SPRING | Oct. 15* | Dec. 1  
| SUMMER | Mar. 15* | May 1  

* Designates priority deadline

**Program Highlights**

- Provides the analytic skills needed by professionals who work with policies in the public or non-profit sectors.  
- Designed for working professionals who are unable to complete a full-time, on-campus program.  
- Available online with "live" Web classes held in the evenings (typically one evening per week for 3 hours).  
- You are not required to come to campus at any time.  
- Able to apply coursework toward a Master of Public Administration degree from UND, if you choose to.

**Outcomes**

With a Graduate Certificate in Policy Analysis from the University of North Dakota, you will have advanced analytic skills that will benefit your career in the public service or not-for-profit sector.
If you currently work in the field, the Policy Analysis Graduate Certificate is an ideal way for you to strengthen your skills, confidence and credentials.

Even non-profit or public program managers who do not conduct research themselves must understand the information provided in research reports in order to make informed decisions.