YOUR TIME IS NOW
Join a network of more than 34,000 alumni leading for the greater good.

Put your passion to work.

Maybe you hope to walk the halls of government, making policies that affect us all. Or spend your career out in the field, working to create sustainable solutions to the world’s problems. Or work in the arts, ensuring everyone has access to the cultural treasures that belong to us all.

No matter what your end goal is, if you’re passionate about making a difference and you’re ready to take action, we invite you to join us.
LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS
The core curriculum of the Master of Arts in Arts Administration (MAAA) program ensures you graduate with a broad understanding of every facet of the arts management field. You’ll learn how to manage your organization, grow your audience, and successfully run fundraising efforts.

FOCUS ON YOUR PASSION
As part of your academic journey, you’ll choose electives that allow you to hone your skills in a particular area. And you’re not limited to classes at the O'Neill School. You can explore options at the Department of Theatre, Drama, and Contemporary Dance, the Jacobs School of Music, and the Media School, home to programs in journalism, advertising, and media.

Whether you want to spend your career working in curation, stage management, human resources, development, or another arts management field, you’ll find the perfect options here.

PUT WHAT YOU LEARN INTO ACTION
As an MAAA student, you’ll get real-world experience throughout your time in the program. You’ll complete three 50-hour practicum projects and a 280-hour internship.

Help a local arts organization develop a marketing program. Create governmental policies that ensure the arts continue to thrive. Or curate content at the Smithsonian. You’ll be ready to lead for the greater good, wherever life takes you.

SARAH DRESSER, MAAA ’11
MANAGER AT CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS
“Being a leader in arts organizations is about being part of a meaningful effort—helping artists and the larger community. As an MAAA student, I learned from engaging with peers within the field, participating in case studies, and working with expert mentors.”

The 45 credit hour Master of Arts in Arts Administration program prepares you for a leadership role with a toolbox of managerial skills and in-depth knowledge in the field you’re most passionate about.

 Advocate for the arts

Become the kind of leader arts organizations need in just three semesters. The 45 credit hour Master of Arts in Arts Administration program prepares you for a leadership role with a toolbox of managerial skills and in-depth knowledge in the field you’re most passionate about.
Focus your education on environmental science supported by environmental management and policy. The Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSES) is a two-year, 48 credit hour program that teaches you to collaborate and communicate your science across disciplines and tackle today’s complex issues from multiple perspectives.

LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS
The core curriculum of your MSES program provides a solid foundation of environmental science, including courses in ecology and chemistry. You’ll also choose classes in economics, management, and policy, as well as courses intended to expand your skillset like risk communication or environmental risk analysis.

FOCUS ON YOUR PASSION
As part of your academic journey, you’ll choose a concentration that allows you to hone your skills in the area that best fits your interests. Whether you want to advocate for renewable energy sources or determine sustainable water use, you’ll find what you’re looking for here.

PUT WHAT YOU LEARN INTO ACTION
To ensure you graduate with the real-world experience employers desire, you’ll complete either a summer internship or a rigorous research project in your field. You’ll also work with a group of peers to complete a capstone project, solving problems for a real-world client.
Champion the environment

The Master of Environmental Sustainability (MES) program offers the opportunity to gain a well-rounded degree in just one year. You’ll get the training you need to manage the environment and implement policies at the intersection of humans and the environment.

You’ll get the management know-how and technical training you need to meet the growing demand for green jobs across the nation, whether you choose to pursue a career in the public, private, or nonprofit sector.

LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS
The core curriculum of your MES program emphasizes management and critical thinking skills that support applications of environmental sustainability. Additional fundamental courses are tailored to your particular interests, allowing you to design the entire degree around your strengths and goals.

FOCUS ON YOUR PASSION
As an MES student, you’ll choose a concentration that will allow you to tailor your education to center on the areas of environmental sustainability that most interest you.

Whether you’re passionate about conserving natural resources or managing sustainable cities, you’ll find what you’re looking for here.

PUT WHAT YOU LEARN INTO ACTION
During your final semester, you’ll complete a capstone project that requires you to solve complex problems for real-world clients.

Whether you’re measuring the impacts of climate change or helping a local government put sustainability measures into place, you’ll be getting the experience you need to graduate ready to lead for the greater good.

CARLY NICHOLSON, MPA-MSES ’19

“While at the O’Neill School, I’ve come into my own as a science communicator. Lead for the greater good, to me, means forming co-productive relationships with the public, business, and beyond to shape a cleaner, sustainable tomorrow.”
LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS
You’ll take classes from both Kelley and the O’Neill School to ensure you get a well-rounded education. Coursework will enable you not only to gain key business skills in finance, marketing, and accounting, but also to learn the problem-solving skills necessary to handle complex healthcare issues.

FOCUS YOUR PASSION
Through a combination of coursework and practical experience, you’ll build your expertise in the area of healthcare management that most interests you. Whether you want to make the business of healthcare better, work with health-related nonprofits, or explore healthcare data analysis, you’ll find the right classes to get you started.

PUT WHAT YOU LEARN INTO ACTION
You’ll have the opportunity to take part in an extended practicum with IU Health throughout your time in the program, where you’ll receive one-on-one coaching as you put your new skills to work. During your last semester, you’ll participate in a capstone experience where you’ll solve a complex problem for a real-world client.

KOSALI SIMON
HERMAN B WELLS ENDOWED PROFESSOR
“O’Neill added several faculty and courses in health policy, and we are eagerly seeking master’s students who are passionate about being active participants in the public affairs policy dialogue.”
I get to help amazing nonprofit organizations make their visions come to life by helping them fundraise effectively. And I wouldn’t be doing it if it wasn’t for the O’Neill School.

ASHLEY MERUANI, MPA ‘14
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CCS FUNDRAISING

“Get to help amazing nonprofit organizations make their visions come to life by helping them fundraise effectively. And I wouldn’t be doing it if it wasn’t for the O’Neill School.”

Get the comprehensive management education you need to run the organizations working to create positive change in the world.

The Master of Public Affairs (MPA) is a two-year, 48 credit hour program that will prepare you to tackle today’s most complex issues from multiple angles.

LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS
The core curriculum of the MPA ensures you have the knowledge and analytical skills you need to lead. You’ll take courses in management, economics, statistics, law, and public finance, mastering the related policy issues and government processes.

FOCUS ON YOUR PASSION
Ensure that you gain expertise in the area you’re most interested in by choosing a concentration.

Whether you want to manage a nonprofit, support local governments, work toward sustainable development, or make international policy, you’ll find the right fit among our many options.

PUT WHAT YOU LEARN INTO ACTION
You can add professionally relevant experience to your degree program by completing an internship, taking part in an O’Neill School overseas program, or completing a research project.

You’ll also complete a capstone during your final semester. These semester-long projects require you to work with your peers to create a detailed analysis of a policy or management issue for a real-world client.

STUDY AT YOUR OWN PACE
Our MPA program is also offered online, enabling you to get your degree while balancing work and family life.

Choose to earn the same top-ranked degree from the comfort of your own home. You’ll also have the flexibility to work through the program in as little as two years.
LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS
You’ll complete the core requirements for both the MPA and MAAA degree, ensuring you have the comprehensive education you need to create change at the intersection of arts, policy, and society.

FOCUS ON YOUR PASSION
In consultation with an academic advisor, you’ll choose up to 9 credit hours of graduate level elective coursework to build expertise in an area you’re passionate about. You can choose from courses in curating to stage management and everything in between.

PUT WHAT YOU LEARN INTO ACTION
You’ll participate in experiential learning opportunities throughout your time in the program to ensure you graduate ready for whatever comes next. You’ll complete three 50-hour practicums, a 280-hour internship, and a capstone or seminar experience in your final semester.

MASTERCERVANTES, MAAA ’19
“Thanks to my experiences here, I’m graduating with the practical experience working with 501(c)3 organizations I needed to become the most effective arts administrator possible.”
LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS
You’ll complete the core requirements for both the MPA and MSES degree programs, ensuring you graduate with the scientific background and policy-making skills necessary to operate at the intersection of policy and science.

FOCUS ON YOUR PASSION
You’ll choose a concentration that allows you to become an expert in the area you’re most passionate about. As an MPA-MSES student, you can pick any MPA or MSES concentration—as well as a number of options combining science and policy.

PUT WHAT YOU LEARN INTO ACTION
To ensure you graduate prepared to make a difference, you’ll complete a full-time internship or rigorous research project in your field. You’ll also take part in a capstone during your final semester which requires you to solve a complex problem for a real-world client.

Christina Motilall, MPA-MSES ’12
BIOLOGIST/SPECIAL ASSISTANT, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, WASHINGTON, D.C.
“Completing the MPA-MSES program made me a better environmental steward. I have the scientific background I need to understand the data I’m looking at, and the communication skills I need to present it appropriately to legislators.”

Lead for the good of the planet

Saving the planet requires enacting sound environmental policies created by leaders who understand the science behind them.

The 60 credit hour Master of Public Affairs (MPA)-Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSES) dual degree program combines rigorous scientific training with a thorough education in law, management, and economics, so you can create comprehensive solutions to complex environmental problems.
A custom education to fit your goals

Combine your passions. Hone specific skills. Become an expert in a whole new area.

At the O’Neill School, you’ll find unique dual degree programs that will help you in crafting the perfect educational journey. In fact, the biggest problem might be deciding which direction to go!

Pursue your passion with a dual degree

The O’Neill School partners with many other IU graduate programs to offer a robust portfolio of dual degree programs with our MAAA, MPA, and MSES degrees. Earn a degree in law, information science, or area studies. Whatever your dreams are, you can get the education to make them a reality here.

Gain new expertise with a certificate

Keep your skills fresh and your career moving forward with one of our graduate certificate programs. For example, you can:

• Build your hazardous materials, nonprofit, or public sector management skillset
• Learn how to make the most of arts programs in rural areas
• Add social entrepreneurship to your professional toolbox

Even better, these academic programs are designed with working professionals in mind. No matter which certificate program you choose, you’ll have the flexibility you need to complete it without giving up your career. Many can also be completed online.

Adam S. Ward
Associate Professor

“The quality and breadth of research we conduct reflects our students’ diversity in interests and training. Working with students from both the MSES and MPA programs not only strengthens our research, but helps students see how science, policy, and resource management are tightly coupled.”
Funding opportunities

When you come to the O’Neill School to pursue a graduate degree, you’re making an important investment in your future. The O’Neill School offers financial support to help make your education more affordable.

FELLOWSHIPS
We offer a generous amount of fellowship opportunities. They are awarded through a competitive process which takes a holistic look at your academic record, professional and volunteer experience, recommendation letters, and answers to application questions, as well as financial need.

SERVICE CORPS
If you’re eligible for Federal Work Study funds, and are pursuing the MAAA, MPA, MSES, or one of the dual degree combinations, you could receive a Service Corps fellowship. These fellowships put you to work for a public agency, nonprofit group, or arts administration program in the Bloomington area, allowing you to gain valuable experience while earning extra money.

REWARD FOR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES
If you have served with AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, or Teach for America and are pursuing an MPA or MSES degree, you are eligible for a credit reduction of 3 credit hours per year of service, up to 6 credit hours.

APPLY BY THE PRIORITY DEADLINE
If you’d like to be considered for funding opportunities through the O’Neill School, make sure you complete your application by the priority deadline.
START LEADING FOR THE GREATER GOOD

HOW TO APPLY

Apply to join us at the O’Neill School and take your place among the world’s leaders. To start your journey, you’ll need to complete the online application.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the online application, there are supplemental application materials that we require from all applicants.

These include:

- Three recommendation letters
- Transcripts
- Personal statement
- Resume

You can find all the details at go.iu.edu/oneillgrad.

PAUL H. O’NEILL, MPA ’66
FORMER U.S. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

“A real leader hungers for the responsibility of making a difference.”