

The Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA)

1st among state university graduate public affairs programs

1st among graduate programs in environmental policy and nonprofit management

3rd among graduate programs in public management and public finance and budgeting

Top 3 school in public affairs, tied for second with Harvard University

Largest school of public affairs in the nation, with more than 30,000 graduates to date

Faculty Spotlight: Nobel Prize-winner Elinor Ostrom

SPEA professor and political economist Elinor Ostrom was awarded the 2009 Nobel Prize for Economics for her research on the use and stewardship of common pool resources. Her analysis of the role of trust and cooperation in managing ecosystems has had a revolutionary impact on the study of public goods.



The world's most pressing questions are our business – natural resource management, international economic stability, governance from the local to the worldwide level, and the synthesis of efforts from all sectors to secure a better future. With top-ranked programs in public affairs, environmental science, public health, criminal justice, arts administration, and health services administration, IU SPEA is recognized as a global leader in public and environmental affairs.

At our two campuses in Bloomington and Indianapolis, we offer undergraduate and graduate programs that prepare students for leadership positions in a diverse range of settings. Whether pursuing careers in the nonprofit, government, or private sectors, SPEA graduates possess the tools to effect change wherever they go.



Our faculty members are renowned both for their groundbreaking research and their dedication to mentoring students. Their guidance is also sought by policymakers in every arena, from corporations to Congress to international organizations. SPEA's many research institutes provide insights into philanthropy, social responsibility, criminal justice, and the environment.

Visit spea.iu.edu to learn more about our programs and find out why we're the choice for students and scholars who want to make an impact on the world.

SPEA HIGH POINTS

1971

The Indiana University Faculty Council and Board of Trustees approve the establishment of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs on the IU campuses in Bloomington, Indianapolis, Gary, South Bend, and Fort Wayne. The new school is slated to function in five areas: academics, research, research applications, professional and technical assistance and placement.

1972

With Charles Bonser named as its first Dean, SPEA opens its doors to students and classes begin on the five campuses.

1975

MSES program approved (spring); first students matriculate the following fall.

1978

The Ph.D. in Public Policy is inaugurated.

1982

SPEA at Indiana University Bloomington moves from the Poplars building into a new building on Tenth Street with greater computer accessibility and a new library.

1985

The Ph.D. Program in Environmental Science opens and accepts its first students.

1987

SPEA joins the ranks of the nation's most prestigious institutions when it is ranked 3rd among all schools of public administration in the 4th edition of the *Gourman Report*, an assessment of graduate and professional schools.

1993

The Ph.D. program in Public Affairs enrolls its first students.

1997

With over 100 full-time faculty, 600 graduate students, and 1,600 undergraduates, SPEA is the largest school of its kind and annually ranks among the top 3 in the nation.

2004

The *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, the principal research journal for public policy scholars, comes to SPEA.

2005

SPEA's MPA program is ranked #3 in the U.S. by *US News & World Report*, behind Harvard and Syracuse.

2008

Acting on the findings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Restructuring, IU decides to eliminate SPEA as a university-wide system school, although SPEA continues to exist in Bloomington and Indianapolis ("Core Campuses"). Each smaller regional campus with SPEA programs was asked to restructure to reflect that change.

2009

Multidisciplinary Science Building II (MSBII) opens on the Bloomington campus, providing additional much-needed lab space for SPEA's environmental scientists.

2009

SPEA's MPA program is ranked #2 in the United States by *US News & World Report*, behind Syracuse and tied with Harvard.

2009

SPEA Professor Elinor Ostrom becomes the first woman to win the prestigious Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for her "analysis of economic governance," and work in common pool resource management.

2010

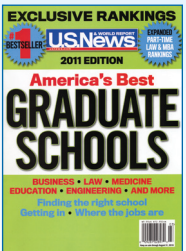
National Research Council's *Data-Based Assessment of Research-Doctorate Programs* in the U.S. ranks the SPEA doctoral program in Public Affairs and joint doctoral program in Public Policy among the top five programs in the country.

2011

SPEA begins to once again host *Public Administration Review*, the premier journal of public administration research, theory and practice.

2011

SPEA is ranked #1 in Environmental Policy and Non-Profit Management, and moves up to share the #2 spot overall with Harvard's Kennedy School, as determined by *US News & World Report*.



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