T he College of Community and Public Affairs (CCPA) at Binghamton University was created to meet the needs of students who want to make a positive impact in the world through a range of academic areas and career paths. CCPA offers an undergraduate degree in human development, graduate study in public administration, social work and student affairs administration, and a Ph.D. program in community and public affairs. The rich academics, combined with out-of-the-classroom, real-world experience prepares students for rewarding careers in leadership in the public and non-profit sectors.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

All undergraduate students enrolled in CCPA major in human development. This program focuses on meeting the needs of and solving problems with individuals, the family system, organizations, communities and society at large. Courses, taught by experienced professors in a small-class environment, challenge students to think about what it means to “walk a mile” in someone else’s shoes, to learn to communicate with people from many different backgrounds, to develop professional and organizational skills and to explore opportunities to put knowledge into practice. The HDEV major is flexible, and students are able to pursue another major or add a minor.

UNIVERSITY PROFILE

Undergraduate students: 13,412
Graduate students: 3,283
Male/female ratio: 52%/48%
High school GPA mid-50%: 91–97/3.3-3.9
   Average transfer GPA: 3.4
SAT mid-range
   Math: 620–700
   Critical reading: 590–670
   Writing: 580–670
Average ACT score mid-range: 27–30
68% graduate in four years
90% retention rate (compared to 73% nationwide)

(FALL 2014 DATA)

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Many students think of college as their home away from home, but CCPA students actually have two homes at Binghamton University. Freshmen take their classes on Binghamton’s main campus, and upper classmen learn in our downtown campus, the University Downtown Campus (UDC), which is only 10 minutes away. Being in the heart of a bustling downtown means students are near the organizations where they’re interning, making real-world learning easily accessible. Many Binghamton students choose to live downtown as upperclassmen, facilitating this natural transition. Students who continue to live on campus can take advantage of free bus transportation that runs every 20 minutes.
INTERNSHIPS
HDEV students are required to take part in an internship. From local human service agencies, to schools, healthcare settings, government offices and Binghamton University offices, the hands-on learning possibilities are practically endless. It’s not uncommon for a student to be hired after graduation by the organization in which they did their internship.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES
CCPA students have the opportunity to engage in faculty research that’s making a difference in the local community, the nation and the world.

• Myra Sabir, assistant professor of human development, researches the life-changing effects of expressive writing for individuals dealing with issues such as unresolved experiences and depression.

• Leo Wilton, associate professor of human development, researches health disparities and the impact of the AIDS epidemic in black communities.

• Lubna Chaudhry, department chair, conducts fieldwork to understand the impact of armed conflict on children in Swat Valley, Pakistan.

ADVISING/MENTORSHIP
CCPA takes great pride in the accomplishment of its students, and faculty and staff work hard to cultivate opportunities to help maximize success. All students receive personal one-on-one professional advising in the selection of coursework. HDEV peer advisors — upperclassmen who are who are extensively trained to share their strategies for academic success — are another resource.

OUTCOMES
HDEV is a pre-professional degree that prepares students to go directly into the workforce and provides a solid foundation for advanced degrees. Graduates have gone on to be teachers, counselors, attorneys, high-ranking government officials and business leaders. Many earn graduate degrees in social work, medicine, public administration, student affairs administration, education or law.

WHERE ARE CCPA STUDENTS EMPLOYED?
CCPA graduates are employed at organizations, including: Teach for America, The Legal Aid Society of New York City, United Health Services, YMCA, Goldman Sachs and HBO (Senior Survey results from 2012-2014).

GRADUATE SCHOOL DESTINATIONS
CCPA graduates are admitted to selective graduate schools including Binghamton University, Boston College, Columbia University, New York University, Pennsylvania State University, University at Albany and University at Buffalo (Senior Survey results from 2012-2014).

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