

PhD in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis with Emphasis in Higher Education

Degree Requirements

Core Requirements		12
ED_LPA 9400	Social Theory in Education	
ED_LPA 9401	Educational Leadership	
ED_LPA 9402	Educational Policy Analysis	
ED_LPA 9403	Organizational Analysis	
Research Requirements		15
ED_LPA 9409	Introduction to Research Design	
ED_LPA 8957	Qualitative Methods in Educational Research I	
or LTC 8957	Qualitative Methods in Educational Research I	
ESC_PS 8850	Quantitative Foundations in Educational Research (*)	
Qualitative or Quantitative II course		
ED_LPA 9410	Proseminar in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis	3
Emphasis Area (one of the areas below)		18
PK-12		18
Educational Policy Studies		18
Higher Education		18
Electives		9
Electives selected with advisor and committee approval (may include additional research, ELPA, or outside ELPA courses)		
Dissertation		6 minimum

* ESC_PS 7170: Introduction to Education Statistics is the formal pre-requisite to ESC_PS 8850 and does not count toward your doctoral program plan.

Sample Plan of Study

First Year					
Fall	CR	Spring	CR		
ED_LPA 9400	3	ED_LPA 9401	3		
ED_LPA 9402	3	ED_LPA 9409	3		
ED_LPA 9410	3	Emphasis 1	3		
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Second Year					
Fall	CR	Spring	CR		
ED_LPA 9403	3	Emphasis 3	3		
Research Methods 1	3	Emphasis 4	3		
Emphasis 2	3	Research Methods 2	3		
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Third Year					
Fall	CR	Spring	CR	Summer	CR
Emphasis 5	3	Elective 2	3	ED_LPA 9090	1
Elective 1	3	Elective 3	3		

Research Methods 3	3	Emphasis 6	3		
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Fourth Year					
Fall	CR	Spring	CR	Summer	CR
ED_LPA 9090	2	ED_LPA 9090	2	ED_LPA 9090	1
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Total Credits: 60

For information about the qualifying process, comprehensive examination process, and dissertation examination, please contact the department.

Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the PhD in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/degreecategory/educational-leadership-policy-analysis/>) and the minimum requirements of the Graduate School (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/>). Because requirements vary, you *must* refer to a degree program's graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility and application process. Your application materials will be reviewed by both the Graduate School and the degree program to which you've applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.

Applicants to the PhD in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis with an emphasis in Higher Education must hold a master's degree from an accredited institution. Competitive candidates will demonstrate:

- A strong alignment with the program's mission to critically shape educational policy and leadership in higher education
- Commitment to research and inquiry that promotes equity, access, and institutional transformation
- Clear professional and academic goals that connect with ELPA faculty expertise

For application instructions, see: <https://education.missouri.edu/degree/higher-education-phd/#apply>