

Graduate Certificate in Education Policy

Through an interdisciplinary partnership among Education, Law, and Public Policy scholars, our Education Policy Graduate Certificate serves to develop critical leaders, policymakers, and scholars who demonstrate excellence in implementing and analyzing policy. A carefully planned set of courses will provide students with the knowledge, skills, and tools to answer tough policy questions facing our society, for instance: How do we address the rising costs of higher education? Segregated schooling? Undocumented immigrant students? Families who speak languages other than English?

The Education Policy Graduate Certificate will provide students with:

- *Knowledge* that they can apply to the study of education policy within their major discipline or their work in policy settings;
- *Skills* in analyzing education policy issues, i.e., understanding differing values, political and economic arguments, costs/benefits, and policy processes;
- *Conceptual tools* to use in understanding and resolving issues faced in educational policy development and implementation.

Requirements

Foundations - Students choose 1 of the following:

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| PUB_AF 8170 | Public Policy Processes and Strategies | 3 |
| ED_LPA 9402 | Educational Policy Analysis | 3 |

Knowledge/Concepts - Students choose 1 or 2 of the following:

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| ED_LPA 9451 | Higher Education Finance | 3 |
| ED_LPA 9457 | Higher Education Policy | 3 |
| ED_LPA 7458 | Sociology of Education | 3 |
| ED_LPA 9462 | History of U.S. Education Policy | 3 |
| ED_LPA 9463 | Politics of Education | 3 |
| LAW 5526 | Education Reform Law | 1-3 |

Skills - Students choose 1 or 2 of the following:

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| ED_LPA 8955 | Discourse Analysis in Education | 3 |
| ED_LPA 9465 | Policy Analysis Using Large Data Bases | 3 |
| PUB_AF 8190 | Economic Analysis for Public Affairs | 3 |
| PUB_AF 8420 | Public Program Evaluation | 3 |
| ESC_PS 8690 | Educational Planning and Evaluation | 3 |
| PUB_AF 7430 | Public Policy Analysis | 3 |

After coursework is complete, students will develop a mini-portfolio to demonstrate their learning. **NOTE:** Before taking courses and assembling a portfolio, you will need to fill out an initial plan of study and have a meeting with the policy certificate coordinator.

For more information about this graduate certificate, contact the ELPA Department by phone at 573-882-8221 or by e-mail at elpagrad@missouri.edu.

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