Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis

ELPA - Our mission is to create knowledge while preparing leaders to critically shape and transform educational issues, policies, and practices.

Consider ELPA if you:

- Want to improve your organizational leadership skills and knowledge in elementary, secondary, or postsecondary settings
- Are interested in principal or superintendent certification
- Want to work in student affairs or higher education administration
- Want to become a scholar or researcher in an academic setting
- Desire to shape policy through legislative or research activity

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Undergraduate

While MU does not offer undergraduate degrees specifically in educational leadership and policy analysis, the University does offer baccalaureate opportunities in a number of related areas, both within the College of Education (specifically, the Bachelor of Educational Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofeducation/educationalstudies/)), and in the other Schools and Colleges that make up the University. The catalog provides a complete list of these degree options (http://catalog.missouri.edu/degreesanddegreeprograms/).

Graduate

- MA in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofeducation/educationalleadershippolicyanalysis/ma-educational-leadership-policy-analysis/)
  - with emphasis in Higher Education (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofeducation/educationalleadershippolicyanalysis/ma-educational-leadership-policy-analysis-emphasis-highereducation/)
- MEd in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofeducation/educationalleadershippolicyanalysis/med-educational-leadership-policy-analysis/)
  - with emphasis in Higher Education (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofeducation/educationalleadershippolicyanalysis/med-educational-leadership-policy-analysis-emphasis-highereducation/)
- EdSp in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofeducation/educationalleadershippolicyanalysis/edsp-educational-leadership-policy-analysis/)
  - with emphasis in PK-12 Educational Leadership and Administration, Elementary and Secondary Principal, Certification (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofeducation/educationalleadershippolicyanalysis/edsp-educational-leadership-policy-analysis-emphasis-pk12-educational-leadership-administration-elementary-secondary-principal-certification/)
  - with emphasis in PK-12 Educational Leadership and Administration, Executive Superintendent, Certification (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofeducation/educationalleadershippolicyanalysis/edsp-educational-leadership-policy-analysis-emphasis-pk12-educational-leadership-administration-executive-superintendent-certification/)
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About ELPA’s Graduate Programs

The graduate programs in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis are designed to meet the specific educational needs of the student in a particular area of emphasis. Graduates find employment in a wide range of settings including colleges and universities, public schools, policy agencies, professional associations, government and business and industry.

The PhD Program in ELPA requires a minimum of 60 hours beyond the master’s degree. The goal of the PhD program is the preparation of professional researchers and scholars who have high levels of competence in conducting research that adds to the knowledge base.

The program also has a goal of meeting the student’s individual career goals and interests through the development of an appropriate plan of study. Each emphasis area has slightly different requirements and areas of focus; however, all 3 emphasis areas require a department-wide core; emphasis area coursework; electives; a research core; and the completion of a minimum of 6 hours for the dissertation.

The EdD Program in Educational Leadership is a cohort program designed for practicing educational leaders to enhance their knowledge and competencies so they provide optimal leadership in organizations that educate a wide range of learners from youth to adult. The program’s curriculum is designed to prepare leaders who are inquiring, reflective practitioners who are competent in defining and solving complex problems in education.

The Educational Specialist (EdSp) Program is designed to enhance the knowledge and competencies of K-12 educational administrators and to lead to advanced principal certification and/or superintendent certification. The program has a thematic, integrated, problem-based curriculum intended to prepare school and district leaders who are inquiring, reflective practitioners. The curriculum is aligned with state standards for certification.

The department’s Master’s Programs are intended to provide initial preparation for leaders in a variety of educational contexts, including higher education and PK-12 schools. Programs vary according to emphasis area and are designed to meet student’s individual career goals and interests — e.g., student affairs administration, initial principal certification and higher education administration.

A minimum of 33 credit hours is required for the M Ed or MA in Higher Education and a minimum of 30 hours is required for the M Ed in Educational Leadership.

Note: Per ELPA policy, students have 5 years to complete their MA or M Ed degree.

Graduate Certificates:

• College Teaching
• Education Policy
• Higher Education Administration

Satisfactory Rate of Progress

All ELPA students are expected to make satisfactory progress toward their degrees. Satisfactory progress of students will be determined through an annual review by the director of graduate studies, graduate students’ academic advisors and their committees. Judgments about satisfactory progress will include consideration of the following:

• University-wide time limits for degree completion
• GPA for departmental courses
• Continuous enrollment and active engagement in course work or research (EdD and PhD)
• Student performance in research credits
• Timely resolution of incomplete grades

Financial Aid from the Program

Some programs require an extra form or statement from those who wish to be considered for internal assistantships, fellowships or other funding packages. Check the program website or ask the program contact for details.

ED_LPA 2001: Civil Rights and Advocacy in Education

We often hear in the larger education discourse that education is a civil right yet our schools continue to be separate and unequal. In this interdisciplinary course, we will examine the historical development of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement in the 20th century as it pertains to people of color, women, Native Americans, LGBTQI+, disability, religion, and immigrants. Specifically, we will explore the movement's influence on two main fronts: (1) social justice movements domestically and worldwide, particularly as it relates to equal educational opportunity; and (2) how social justice movements across the globe helped shape approaches to educational and social change in the U.S. By looking at past civil rights efforts, we will be able to situate education (in)equality in the current sociopolitical context, which will then inform future possibilities around advocacy and practice as it pertains to education. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 2020: Listening Skills for College Student Success

This course offers undergraduate students a basic awareness of, and opportunity to practice, listening and problem-solving skills that will enhance their own college experience and enable them to utilize reflective listening with their friends, peers, and others. Students will learn how to respond appropriately and effectively with peers experiencing distress, managing conflict, and learning how to navigate
issues commonly facing undergraduate students, including knowing what campus and community resources are available to assist in these situations. Students will develop awareness of peer concerns, practice their listening skills, and consider approaches for effective support and referral. This course will provide opportunities for students to practice goal setting for themselves and to work with a peer to facilitate their goal setting. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 2150: Data and Decision Making for Education Leaders
With the emergence of standards-based reform and high stakes accountability, educational institutions must increasingly use data to inform decisions. Nationwide, educational leaders face the challenge of transforming vast amounts of data into useful information that can guide reform and improvement. This course provides an introduction to the knowledge, skills, and approaches necessary to engage with multiple forms of data and translate them into action plans for improvement. Students will explore how strategic use of data can identify and address achievement gaps and improve outcomes using evidence-based practices and promote institutional equity. Students will engage in tasks related to data analysis to understand its importance for effective decision making and to drive organizational change. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 3100: Foundations of Education
Focus on developing a theoretical and conceptual knowledge of leadership. In addition, skill building-exercises will take place through group case studies and role playing exercises allowing each student to identify and achieve methods for personal development.

Credit Hour: 1-3

ED_LPA 3450: Introduction to Research in Educational Settings
(same as IS_LT 3450). This course provides an introduction to quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research, with an emphasis on how various forms of data collection and prior research can inform and improve practice. Students will: (1) develop skills in locating research relevant to their professional interests; (2) understand multiple forms of data collection strategies; and (3) identify ethical considerations associated with research. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 4060: Inquiring into Schools, Community and Society II
(same as ED_LPA 7060). Required 3 hour course for students pursuing teacher certification. Designed to transition students into the teaching internship through study of teacher roles, school organizations and cultures, and community contexts.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: LTC 2040

ED_LPA 4100: ELPA Undergraduate Seminar
Seminar in ELPA on a special topic. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 4115: Introduction to Learning Spaces
(cross-leveled with ED_LPA 7115). Learning takes place in a variety of settings beyond the classroom. This course highlights the teaching and learning at play within professional, community, educational, and organizational spaces. Students will explore the interaction between individuals and their learning environments to determine how the learning environments vary based upon how the organization transmits knowledge and the opportunities that individuals have within the environment for understanding. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 4151: Leading Educational Organizations in Global Contexts
(cross-leveled with ED_LPA 7151). Through equity-focused, critical and comparative analyses, this course centers on developing locally relevant understandings of educational organizations in the global context. The course will cover theories of effective leadership; organizational theory, structure, and analysis; and leading reform and innovation in response to changes in culture, technology, and globalization in various national and regional contexts. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 4152: Leadership for Student Learning in a Global Context
(cross-leveled with ED_LPA 7152). This course explores learning, curriculum, and assessment for globally-minded, multicultural, and equitable education. Topics include curriculum design and articulation, integration of state standards with international curricular frameworks, globally-minded instructional design, authentic assessment, and reporting student learning and progress to diverse students. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Recommended: ED_LPA 4151

ED_LPA 4153: Leading Professional Development in Global Contexts
(cross-leveled with ED_LPA 7153). This course examines the role of professional development in the continuous improvement of educational organizations from a global perspective. Inquiry activities and readings will explore equitable practices for building collaborative learning communities; planning professional development; and developing leadership capacity, inclusive decision-making processes, and performance evaluations in globally-minded schools. Students will be asked to contribute locally relevant theories and best practices to enhance the scope of cross-cultural understanding. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Recommended: ED_LPA 4151

ED_LPA 4154: Leadership for School-Community Partnerships in a Global Context
(cross-leveled with ED_LPA 7154). This course develops globally-minded leadership capacity by building knowledge in five interrelated domains: 1) school-home relationships; 2) locally relevant legal and political environments; 3) external relations and communications; 4) community participation; and 5) inter-institutional alliances. Authentic inquiry assignments will prepare students to build effective and equitable...
community partnerships based on reciprocity and mutual respect. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Recommended: ED_LPA 4151

ED_LPA 4408: Introduction to Ethics and PK-12 Policymaking
(cross-leveled with ED_LPA 7408). This course examines the interplay of ethics and PK-12 policymaking. Educational leaders today are practicing in a policy environment that continues to grow in complexity. Within this environment, leaders make choices that have ethical implications for richly diverse school communities. Values drive both ethical choices and the setting of policy goals. The intentions behind a policy may be "good," or "right," but are policies and how they are implemented unequivocally ethical? Are ethics and ethical policy conflated? History is replete with examples of policy, laws, and programs that haven't necessarily been ethical (e.g. doctrine of "separate but equal") - and have had to be changed. Together, we will examine the intersections of ethics and policy. We will start at the beginning with a bit of philosophy for this introductory course, asking ourselves, "what is the purpose of education?" From there, we will move toward defining our own personal and professional ethical leadership approaches and put it in relation to understandings of policy, questioning the values steering modern-day education policy. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 4428: Curriculum Leadership
(cross-leveled with ED_LPA 7428). This course is a study of research, theory, and skills necessary for curriculum leadership in educational organizations. This course includes generic curriculum management processes, design trends, controversial curriculum, issues, multimedia, innovative instructional techniques, and program evaluation. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 4458: Sociology of Education
(same as SOCIOL 4410; cross-leveled with ED_LPA 7458, SOCIOL 7410). Contexts, structures and processes of schooling; effects on class, race, ethnicity and gender; social change, educational policy, and organizational dynamics; higher education and the economy.

Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 4481: Undergraduate Administrative Internships
(cross-leveled with ED_LPA 7481). These administrative internships are designed for students in the Bachelor's of Educational Studies (BES) degree program and those students who are a part of the Dean of Students Internship Program. It may also serve as an elective for any undergraduate student at the University of Missouri. The intent of this course is to integrate practice, theory, and ethical standards within a supervised education setting called an internship. Specific activities during the internship may vary greatly from one field placement to another in that different students may have different learning needs and desires, and different settings will offer different learning opportunities. In some circumstances and situations, an off-campus/off-site setting for an internship is also possible. The course may be repeated depending on student interests, internship site availability, and additional experiences needed by the student. Graded on S/U basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 4975: Educational Studies Senior Capstone
The senior capstone course is designed to allow a rigorous and in depth study area of inquiry within the field of education. The area of inquiry is cumulative and includes critical analysis and theoretical and/or pragmatic integration of scholarly materials. The course of study is individualized under the guidance of a faculty member. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Recommended: departmental consent required

ED_LPA 7060: Inquiring into Schools, Community and Society II
(same as ED_LPA 4060). Required 3 hours course for students pursuing teacher certification. Designed to transition students into the teaching internship through study of teacher roles, school organizations and cultures, and community contexts.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: LTC 2040 and LTC 7040

ED_LPA 7115: Introduction to Learning Spaces
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Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 7151: Leading Educational Organizations in Global Contexts
(cross-leveled with ED_LPA 4151). Through equity-focused, critical and comparative analyses, this course centers on developing locally relevant understandings of educational organizations in the global context. The course will cover theories of effective leadership; organizational theory, structure, and analysis; and leading reform and innovation in response to changes in culture, technology, and globalization in various national and regional contexts. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 7152: Leadership for Student Learning in a Global Context
(cross-leveled with ED_LPA 4152). This course explores learning, curriculum, and assessment for globally-minded, multicultural, and equitable education. Topics include curriculum design and articulation, integration of state standards with international curricular frameworks, globally-minded instructional design, authentic assessment, and reporting student learning and progress to diverse students. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Recommended: ED_LPA 7151
ED_LPA 7153: Leading Professional Development in Global Contexts
(cross-leveled with ED_LPA 4153). This course examines the role of professional development in the continuous improvement of educational organizations from a global perspective. Inquiry activities and readings will explore equitable practices for building collaborative learning communities; planning professional development; and developing leadership capacity, inclusive decision-making processes, and performance evaluations in globally-minded schools. Students will be asked to contribute locally relevant theories and best practices to enhance the scope of cross-cultural understanding. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3
Recommended: ED_LPA 7151

ED_LPA 7154: Leadership for School-Community Partnerships in a Global Context
(cross-leveled with ED_LPA 4154). This course develops globally-minded leadership capacity by building knowledge in five interrelated domains: 1) school-home relationships; 2) locally relevant legal and political environments; 3) external relations and communications; 4) community participation; and 5) inter-institutional alliances. Authentic inquiry assignments will prepare students to build effective and equitable community partnerships based on reciprocity and mutual respect. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3
Recommended: ED_LPA 7151

ED_LPA 7439: Applying Higher Education Research to Practice
This course introduces quantitative, qualitative, and mixed within a student affairs context. Students will become familiar with, and able to critique research. Course graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 7452: Overview of Higher Education
This course provides an overview of American Higher education. Emphasis is placed on how these institutions currently operate and what issues dominate current discussions of academe. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 7458: Sociology of Education
(same as SOCIOL 7410; cross-leveled with SOCIOL 4410, ED_LPA 4458). Contexts, structures and processes of schooling; effects on class, race, ethnicity and gender; social change, educational policy, and organizational dynamics; higher education and the economy.
Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 7481: Graduate Administrative Internships
(cross-leveled with ED_LPA 4481). For students pursuing the MEd with a concentration in Student Affairs Leadership, the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education requires students to complete 300 hours of practical experience. To meet this requirement, students must take a 150-hour internship course and either work in a higher education position or have an assistantship. If students are not working in higher education during their academic program, they must complete a second 150-hour internship course. The base time commitment is one credit for 50 clock hours of internship experience. This course may also serve as an elective for graduate students from around the university, and particularly those in the Higher Education Administration graduate certificate and the MEd with a concentration in Higher Education Leadership. The intent of this course is to integrate professional practice, theory, and ethical standards within a supervised student affairs leadership setting called an internship. Specific activities during the internship may vary greatly from one field placement to another in that different students may have different learning needs and desires, and different settings will offer different learning opportunities. In some circumstances and situations, an off-campus/off-site setting for an internship is also possible. The course may be repeated depending on student interests, internship site availability, and additional experiences needed by the student. Graded on S/U basis only.
Credit Hour: 1-6
Prerequisites: departmental consent

ED_LPA 8409: Learning, Curriculum and Assessment for School Leaders
Addresses assessment, learning and curriculum and the integration of the instructional and assessment processes. Topics include authentic assessment, curriculum alignment, cognition and learning, instructional approaches, and application of student learning theory to the curriculum.
Credit Hours: 3
ED_LPA 8410: Learning Cultures
Integrates the themes of building a common purpose to enhance school culture, empowering teachers and students, and diversity. Topics include importance of shared mission and vision, the use of group processes and collaboration, the intricacies of school culture, and ethical and moral leadership.
Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 8411: Professional Development for Learning
Focuses on the professional development and reflection on practice. Topics include organizational actions and personal responsibility, life-long learning, and public education in a democratic society.
Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 8412: School Improvement
This course addresses the topics of organizational management and personal inquiry. It covers issues such as organizational effectiveness, organizing for an effective school environment, legal and fiscal decision-making and responsibilities of school leaders, creating an environment where stakeholders acquire and utilized data to inform decisions and practice, and where action research methods are utilized to evaluate and inform practice.
Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 8416: Foundations of School Leadership
School leader knowledge of student learning theory and related instructional practices is the focus of this course. The problem-based learning format will include topics on school culture, leadership communication, technology, and conflict resolution. Issues concerning professional relationships are also addressed.
Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 8417: Site-Level Organization and Leadership
Student will study state and national regulations that affect Missouri school policies. The student will develop a database on various legal issues. A study of middle level education will conclude with on-site evaluation of a local middle school.
Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 8418: Supervision for Learning Environments
Students are prepared to articulate, recognize, and support classroom practices that reflect the most current principles of learning. Effective instructional strategies that link this knowledge to practice will be entered into a computer database.
Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 8419: Superintendent: Structures and Processes for Effective Schools
A comprehensive view of district leadership will focus on organizational health and adult issues that impact school culture and require strong, caring leadership. A focus will be on how to efficiently lead and manage change, as this is a requirement for leaders of all organizations, including schools. Of particular interest will be the research and practices that are currently associated with the evaluation of program effectiveness. A continuation of the study of state and national legal and policy issues will focus on special education programs and services, Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program, District Student Behavioral Practices and Disparities, District Health Program, and Limited English Programs. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Masters Degree in Educational Administration

ED_LPA 8423: Advanced Leadership for Learning Environments
Students will demonstrate their understanding of instructional improvement for all teachers and students by designing and defending a comprehensive strategy for instructional changes in a simulated school. The ongoing study of learning principles and effective instructional practices will be concluded.
Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 8424: Education Politics and Policymaking
This course examines the politics and policymaking process of education in the United States, paying particular attention to the influence of various institutions and actors at local, state, and federal levels. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 8430: School Law and Finance for Principal Leadership
Designed to engage learners in examination of the legal (judicial and legislative)system, school law, and finance policies that govern public schools and their fiscal resources in the United States and the State of Missouri. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 8653: Education Toward Bi/Multilingualism: Theory, Policy, and Practice
(same as LTC 8653). Overview of the theory, policy, and practice of using at least two languages in education to develop children's bi/multilingualism. Key topics include: (1) models of bilingual/multilingual education; (2) policy and politics of language education in the U.S. and international contexts; (3) psycholinguistic and sociocultural perspectives on bi/multilingual language development, as related to schooling; and (4) evaluation and assessment issues in bi/multilingual education.
Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 8951: Grounded Theory and Situated Inquiry
(same as LTC 8951). For qualitative researchers attempting to understand social processes, Grounded Theory (GT) offers a way of developing theory empirically, "from the bottom up." In fact, this is what most distinguishes GT from other methods. It is explicitly emergent. It does not test a hypothesis. It provides useful tools to learn about participants’ understandings and experiences of a social issue, process,
or phenomena and to discover and construct theory to account for the social processes being studied. In this course, we will consider the theoretical underpinnings and practices of classic and contemporary GT methodologies. Importantly, we will conduct research and a GT analysis of data. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours**: 3  
**Prerequisites**: ED_LPA 8957, LTC 8957, or ESC_PS 8957  
**Recommended**: ED_LPA 9620, LTC 9620, or ESC_PS 9620

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**ED_LPA 8955: Discourse Analysis in Education**  
(same as LTC 8955). This course introduces the theories and methods of discourse analysis, including conversation, critical discourse, and multimodal. Students will analyze the role of context and ethics, as they transcribe and analyze discourse, especially from analytical settings. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours**: 3  
**Prerequisites**: ESC_PS 8957 and ESC_PS 9620

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**ED_LPA 8957: Qualitative Methods in Educational Research I**  
(same as LTC 8957 and ESC_PS 8957). This course provides a practical introduction to qualitative research and its applications in education and social sciences. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours**: 3

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**ED_LPA 9000: ELPA EdD Outgoing Visiting Student**  
This class is a placeholder for students in the Statewide Cooperative EdD Program who take classes at their regional site during the fall and spring. There is 0 billing hours and it is not term finalized.

**Credit Hours**: 4

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**ED_LPA 9090: Research in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis**  
Graded on a S/U basis only.

**Credit Hour**: 1-99  
**Prerequisites**: departmental consent

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**ED_LPA 9095: Problems in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis**  
**Credit Hour**: 1-99  
**Prerequisites**: instructor's consent

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**ED_LPA 9400: Social Theory in Education**  
Students will examine the relationship of society and education through a variety of theoretical perspectives and empirical studies. These theories deal with the relation of education to society as a whole, and the relation between education and the state. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours**: 3

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**ED_LPA 9401: Educational Leadership**  
Critical examination of key leadership theories and their application to various educational contexts. Includes consideration of research methods and designs appropriate for the study of leadership and the spectrum of lenses through which educational leadership is studied.

**Credit Hours**: 3

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**ED_LPA 9402: Educational Policy Analysis**  
Course centers on developing multiple understandings of the education policy making process. Theoretical constructs used to advance those understandings are eclectic in nature, drawing from the fields of political science, history, sociology, and economics.

**Credit Hours**: 3

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**ED_LPA 9403: Organizational Analysis**  
Analysis of organizational characteristics and principles in educational organizations. Topics include: Organizational theories and models, organizational culture, communication, innovation, planning, leadership, power and influence, and external environment influences.

**Credit Hours**: 3

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**ED_LPA 9404: Inquiry into Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis**  
A critical overview of theory development, research paradigms, and research ethics in the department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis. Required for all ELPA Ph.D. students.

**Credit Hours**: 3  
**Recommended**: for students who have completed at least 2 semesters of coursework

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**ED_LPA 9405: Seminar in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis**  
Seminar in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis  
**Credit Hour**: 1-99

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**ED_LPA 9406: Seminar in Educational Administration**  
Seminar in Educational Administration  
**Credit Hour**: 1-99

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**ED_LPA 9407: Seminar in Educational Policy**  
Seminar in Educational Policy  
**Credit Hour**: 1-99

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**ED_LPA 9408: Seminar in Higher Education**  
Seminar in Higher Education  
**Credit Hour**: 1-99

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**ED_LPA 9409: Introduction to Research Design**  
This course provides an introduction to quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research, with an emphasis on the epistemological and ontological issues that inform our choice of research methods. This course is intended for first year doctoral students. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours**: 3

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**ED_LPA 9410: Proseminar in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis**  
The purpose of the proseminar course is twofold. First, students will gain an understanding of the systems, processes, and procedures associated with education policy.
with graduate studies, particularly the ELPA department's PhD program. Students will gain experience with critical writing and analysis, using library and electronic resources, and engaging faculty and peers in scholarly dialogues. Second, the course will allow students to engage in preliminary discussions around educational research, including literature, theories, and methodologies related to educational leadership and policy. Students will have the opportunity to begin working on their own research and sharpen their analytic skills through academic writing. We will also discuss educational topics, problems, and policies of current importance. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Recommended:** This course is required and appropriate for all ELPA PhD students

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**ED_LPA 9416: Theories in District-Level Administration**

This course is designed to provide an overview of the theories and best practice related to the job duties of superintendent of schools. Since all students will have a principal certification, this course will explore/examine the differences in building administration versus district-level administration. The course will also provide a framework for the cohort EdS program. Providing an overview of topics that will be explored in greater detail later in the program. Finally, the course will lay out the expectations and process for the capstone action research topic that will be due at the end of the central office internship course. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Prerequisites:** Masters Degree in Educational Administration

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**ED_LPA 9420: Superintendent: Fiscal Leadership and Management**

This course focuses on a critical task for superintendents and school leaders: managing district revenues, expenditures, and facilities. This course covers the history of school finance, state funding formula, school district budgeting, development of facility plans, and the impact of financial decisions. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**ED_LPA 9424: Superintendent: Instructional Leadership**

Effective superintendents understand educational core knowledge of curriculum, instructional and assessment. They establish an exception for the use of best instructional practices for all students among both the educational and public communities. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**ED_LPA 9429: Superintendent: Communication, Team Leadership**

Effective superintendents negotiate political and cultural challenges to lead diverse, socially-just school systems. Reflective practices that enhance competence in public board member, and district personnel relationships are essential skills. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**ED_LPA 9430: Superintendent: Fiscal, Legal Leadership**

Effective superintendents efficiently manage finances and ensure that rules, regulations, and policies adhere to statutory/case law. Fiscal and legal practices ensure equity of educational experiences for all students. Open to all graduate students. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

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**ED_LPA 9435: Superintendent: Legal Leadership and Management**

This course focuses on the necessary legal knowledge superintendents must have to guide their school districts in adherence to statutory and case law. This course examines the legal system, lawful and wise use and allocation of district resources, management and evaluation of personnel, and equity issues. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

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**ED_LPA 9436: School Personnel Administration**

In this course, candidates will explore/examine: How to develop a school-wide system for effective staff evaluation and feedback; How to craft a vision for teacher development and growth and bring that vision to life within the structures required for Missouri Educator Evaluation System; How to effectively implement the Missouri Educator Evaluation System for teachers and administrators; How to engage in courageous conversations designed to enhance teaching practice and student outcomes; How to integrate all school staff, including those who do not report directly to the superintendent, into the process of staff supervision and feedback; Develop an understanding of effective leadership including building mission, vision and core values; Increase skills in communications in all scenarios; Demonstrate the ability to accurately rate principals and other leadership staff using appropriate district evaluation tools. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

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**ED_LPA 9440: Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in Higher Education**

This course is designed to provide an overview of the theories and best practice related to the job duties of superintendent of schools. Since students, faculty, and staff experiences of diversity, access and equity, and salience of diversity in a higher education setting.

**Credit Hours:** 3

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**ED_LPA 9442: Curriculum Philosophy and Development in Higher Education**

A study of the philosophical foundations of postsecondary curricula, current trends and issues, and approaches to curriculum reforms and revisions.

**Credit Hours:** 3

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**ED_LPA 9444: Program Planning in Higher Education**

Analysis of program planning and evaluation in higher education. Topics include: conceptualizations of program planning, situational analysis, needs assessment, priority setting, marketing and promotion, and program evaluation.

**Credit Hours:** 3

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**ED_LPA 9445: College Student Development**

Emphasis on college student development theory and its application in student affairs work.

**Credit Hours:** 3

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**ED_LPA 9446: Student Affairs Administration**

History, philosophy, theory, and issues pertinent to student affairs work.
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<td><strong>ED_LPA 947: College Student Culture and Environment</strong>&lt;br&gt;This course examines the characteristics and outcomes of American undergraduates, and the aspects of the college environment that differentially influence students. Topics include: theoretical models of students change, campus climate and cultures, learning communities, institutional differences, and conditions for success.</td>
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<td>ED_LPA 9448: College Teaching</td>
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<td><strong>ED_LPA 948: College Teaching</strong>&lt;br&gt;Designed to introduce students to theories and practices central to teaching in a higher education setting. Teaching related to institutional contexts and disciplines will be considered. Teaching and learning theories will be introduced.</td>
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<td>ED_LPA 9449: History of Higher Education in the United States</td>
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<td><strong>ED_LPA 9449: History of Higher Education in the United States</strong>&lt;br&gt;A study of the transformation of the English college tradition to what higher education is currently in the United States. The emphasis is on how institutions of higher learning changed to meet the needs of the nation or failed to do so.</td>
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<td>ED_LPA 9450: Administration and Governance of Higher Education</td>
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<td>ED_LPA 9451: Higher Education Finance</td>
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<td><strong>ED_LPA 9451: Higher Education Finance</strong>&lt;br&gt;How students pay for college and how institutions finance their operations is explored through the lens of economics. Topics include: Theories of student access, tuition and financial aid policy, institutional costs and revenue patterns, and resource allocation models.</td>
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<td>ED_LPA 9454: Introduction to Post-Secondary Law</td>
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<td>ED_LPA 9455: The Community College</td>
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<td><strong>ED_LPA 9455: The Community College</strong>&lt;br&gt;An overview of the community college. Topics include historical roots and development of the community college, organization and governance, finance, students, faculty, administrators, curriculum, social role, and recurring and emerging issues.</td>
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<td>ED_LPA 9456: The Professoriate</td>
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<td><strong>ED_LPA 9456: The Professoriate</strong>&lt;br&gt;Overview of faculty roles and work in U.S. colleges and universities. Explores institutional and disciplinary differences and seeks to prepare future faculty for academic life.</td>
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<td>ED_LPA 9457: Higher Education Policy</td>
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<td><strong>ED_LPA 9457: Higher Education Policy</strong>&lt;br&gt;An overview of current higher education policy issues facing governmental bodies and institutions. An emphasis is placed on investigating both the policy-making and policy-evaluation processes through multiple theoretical lenses. Specific topics explored include access, equity, and accountability within the higher education setting.</td>
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<td>ED_LPA 9458: Helping Skills for Student Affairs</td>
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<td><strong>ED_LPA 9458: Helping Skills for Student Affairs</strong>&lt;br&gt;This course is designed to prepare student affairs professionals with the basic awareness, knowledge, and helping skills needed to respond appropriately and effectively with students experiencing distress. The course will introduce students to general helping skills that are appropriate for the types of relationships, interactions, and contexts that they will commonly encounter in their work. Thus, students in this course will learn how to identify students experiencing different types of distress, consider and respond to immediate needs, and make appropriate referrals. The course will provide opportunities for students to observe and practice individual helping skills. Graded on A-F basis only.</td>
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<td><strong>ED_LPA 9459: Comparative and International Education</strong>&lt;br&gt;Theories, methods and issues in the field of comparative and international education. Topics cover PK-16 education and include globalization, centralization and decentralization, equity and equity, teaching and student learning, and social context of education.</td>
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<td>ED_LPA 9461: Ethics in Education</td>
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<td><strong>ED_LPA 9461: Ethics in Education</strong>&lt;br&gt;Explores the ethical dimensions of work within and related to educational settings focusing on dilemmas that occur in professional practice, theories that inform thinking about ethical issues, and frameworks that guide ethical decision making.</td>
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<td>ED_LPA 9462: History of U.S. Education Policy</td>
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<td><strong>ED_LPA 9462: History of U.S. Education Policy</strong>&lt;br&gt;Provides overview of major US education issues (primary K-12), explores analytic tools for studying history of education and introduces multiple ways of constructing the history of a particular movement reform or era in education.</td>
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<td>ED_LPA 9463: Politics of Education</td>
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<td><strong>ED_LPA 9463: Politics of Education</strong>&lt;br&gt;Focuses on politics of education in the United States, attending to the influence of various institutions and actors at local, state, and federal levels. Students will examine current reforms in PK-12 education and their impact on the future of education.</td>
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ED_LPA 9466: College Access
This course examines theories and research on issues related to college going behaviors and inequalities in college access. The course will address college access through different levels of analyses: individual levels (e.g., race, ethnicity, gender, status, ability, social class, and transnational), organizational levels (e.g., geography, K-12 schools, postsecondary institutions), and field levels (e.g., policy, media, admissions). Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 9467: International Higher Education
The purpose of this class is to learn the major trends and issues facing postsecondary education around the world and critically engage in comparative analysis with emphasis on lessons for the U.S. higher education system. In particular, this course will cover global trends around governance, accountability, funding, and internationalization. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 9468: Educational Policy Implementation
This course provides the theories and tools to understand and study the implementation of educational policies in K-12 schools and higher education. Drawing from various disciplinary perspectives, students will analyze and apply multiple approaches, including but not limited to technical-rational, street-level bureaucracy, sense-making, and policy enactment. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3
Recommended: ED_LPA 9402 or the equivalent (including prior courses or relevant experiences) is recommended as a prerequisite

ED_LPA 9469: Education Leadership Inquiry IV
Developing and writing research proposals and conducting pilot studies. Knowledge and skills in writing the research report and sharing research with others.
Credit Hour: 1
Prerequisites: ED_LPA 9471, ED_LPA 9472 and ED_LPA 9473. Open only to students in Ed.D. Program in Educational Leadership

ED_LPA 9470: Organizational Analysis for Educational Leadership
Schools of organizational theory, six frames to analyze organizations and their underlying concepts, organizational change and leadership for change, and rationale for reframing organizations.
Credit Hours: 4
Prerequisites: Open only to students in Ed.D. program in Educational Leadership

ED_LPA 9471: Educational Leadership Inquiry I
This course focuses on change, diversity, and ethics in educational leadership and educational organizations. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 2

Prerequisites: Open only to students in EdD Program in Educational Leadership

ED_LPA 9472: Educational Leadership Inquiry II
MU Graduate School policies related to doctoral research, use of multiple search sources, human subjects review process, and research ethics.
Credit Hour: 1
Prerequisites: Open only to students in Ed.D. program in Educational Leadership

ED_LPA 9473: Educational Leadership Inquiry III
This advanced seminar assists scholarly practitioners in developing strategies for collecting, organizing, and outlining literature reviews. This course builds upon previous instruction in identifying problems of practice and the development of research questions. Course topics include selecting topics, searching databases, organizing resources, writing summaries, critiquing research, and crafting arguments. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hour: 1
Prerequisites: Open only to students in EdD Program in Educational Leadership

ED_LPA 9474: Professional Seminar I
This course provides an introduction to the design of research studies in educational settings. Topics covered will include the formulation of research hypotheses, quantitative and qualitative inquiry, measurement and sampling, study design (e.g., experimental, quasi-experimental, case study), data analysis and research writing. The intent of the course is to prepare students for additional coursework in their graduate program, to prepare students for writing their dissertation-in-practice, and for conducting future research. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hour: 1
Prerequisites: Open only to students in EdD Program in Educational Leadership

ED_LPA 9475: Professional Seminar II
This advanced course builds on previous coursework related to leaders and data to include considerations such as survey development, effective communication of findings, and data-driven decision making. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hour: 1
Prerequisites: Open only to students in EdD Program in Educational Leadership

ED_LPA 9476: Leadership Theory and Practice
An advanced study of leadership theories, concepts, and inquiry as applied to educational organizations. Explores power and authority in organizations, leader effectiveness, and organizational reform.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Open only to students in Ed.D. Program in Educational Leadership

ED_LPA 9477: Leadership Theory and Practice Application
Beginning with an understanding of scholarly practitioners, including the role of theory and practice, this course focuses on problems of practice
and authentic data sources in educational settings. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hour: 1
Prerequisites: Open only to students in EdD Program in Educational Leadership

ED_LPA 9478: Policy Analysis for Educational Leadership
Analysis and investigation of educational policy utilizing various knowledge bases; organizational politics and culture’s impact on policy processes; interpretation and application of policy-making activities.

Credit Hours: 4
Prerequisites: Open only to students in Ed.D. Program in Ed. Leadership

ED_LPA 9479: Content and Context of Learning
Students develop the knowledge and skills for examining designing, and implementing organizational, classroom, and training conditions that support quality learning experiences for learners.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Open only to students in Ed.D. Program in Educational Leadership

ED_LPA 9480: Team Building and Group Dynamics
Stages of group development, team building and maintenance, team/group structures, team performance, problem-based learning as team process, and empowerment through development of self-managed teams.

Credit Hour: 1
Prerequisites: Open only to students in Ed.D. Program in Educational Leadership

ED_LPA 9481: Internship in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis
Some sections may be graded on A-F or S/U basis only.

Credit Hour: 1-99
Prerequisites: departmental consent

General introduction to quantitative methods of data analysis. Develop concepts of measurement, design, and analysis. The focus is on data driven decision marking and using various quantitative methods to investigate problems of educational leadership practice. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Only students in the Statewide Cooperative Ed.D. program in Educational Leadership can enroll

ED_LPA 9483: Qualitative Tools for Applied Research in Educational Leadership
Students will learn about a number of qualitative research designs that leaders can use to critically examine research questions in their practice. They will also learn to analyze educational issues and execute processes to effectively explore those issues. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Restricted to students in the Statewide Cooperative Ed.D. Program in Educational Leadership

ED_LPA 9484: Program Evaluation and Planning for Educational Leaders
Participants develop thorough knowledge of theoretical underpinnings of selected approaches to program planning and evaluation and their necessary integration. Affords participants the opportunity to plan, conduct and deliver the results of a program evaluation to actual client. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Only students in the Statewide Cooperative Ed.D. Program in Educational Leadership can enroll

ED_LPA 9485: Assessment in Higher Education
Accountability and accreditation on the local, state, and national levels make understanding how institutions work more important than ever. Higher education leaders need strong data to support decision making. Assessment and program planning live at the intersection of higher education policy and applied research design, analysis, and presentation. Assessment supports organizational effectiveness by providing timely and accurate information to both internal and external constituencies. This course is designed to help students understand the vital role of assessment, and planning and evaluation in the contemporary landscape of higher education by providing an introduction to the theoretical underpinnings and practical applications of the work. The course is relevant for students across higher education functions, particularly those interested in pursuing careers in institutional research and assessment and evaluation. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 9486: Scholarly Writing
This course is for doctoral and master’s degree students in Education who are interested in improving their own scholarly writing. Students beyond Education are invited to enroll and might want to supplement course content with additional feedback from within their own discipline for field specific advice about the publication process. The course is open to students interested in quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methodologies. In this course, each week students will share their writing in small groups comprised of the instructor and peers. This process enhances students’ ability to offer and receive feedback and utilize that information in their revisions. The course will offer students the opportunity to create a sustainable writing habit, learn more about the writing and publication process in academia, and create/revise one or more scholarly products. This course is particularly helpful for those hoping to submit a manuscript for publication or revise components of their dissertation or thesis, but students who are not quite at that stage yet but have original writing that they can revise (e.g., course paper) are also invited to enroll. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

ED_LPA 9487: Advanced Study of Theories, Designs, and Methodology
Conceptual and methodological bridge between the understandings of qualitative research developed in Qualitative Methods I and more advanced study of theories, designs, and methods. The focus is on
theory, approaches to data analysis, and interpretation. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ESC_PS 8957