

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

Degree Requirements

Master's degree candidates can complete the required 33 hours by selecting courses with their advisers that will most fully meet the students needs. At least 16 hours in professional education must be taken at the 8000 or 9000 level.

A maximum of 6 semester hours of graduate-level graded course work completed at another accredited college or university may be transferred with approval of the adviser, the department director of graduate studies and the Graduate School. Up to 12 hours earned as a post-baccalaureate graduate student at MU may be applied to the degree pending admission to the program and approval of higher education faculty.

Students pursuing a master of arts (MA) degree are required to take 12 hours (of the 33) dedicated to research design, methods, and thesis writing. If the thesis is not successfully completed in 33 hours, additional research hours may be required. Because of the time involved in completing a thesis, the program may take longer than 2 years for full-time students.

Requirements for Higher Education and Student Affairs

ED_LPA 7452	Overview of Higher Education	3
ED_LPA 9440	Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in Higher Education	3
ED_LPA 9445	College Student Development	3
ED_LPA 9447	College Student Culture and Environment	3
ED_LPA 9450	Administration and Governance of Higher Education	3
ED_LPA 9451	Higher Education Finance	3
ED_LPA 9457	Higher Education Policy	3
ED_LPA 9485	Assessment in Higher Education	3
ED_LPA 9095	Problems in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis ((Thesis Hours))	1
Research Methods 1		3
Research Methods 2		3

Sample Plan of Study

Below is a sample plan of study for Higher Education and Student Affairs

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ED_LPA 9451		3 Research Methods 2	3
ED_LPA 7452		3 ED_LPA 9457	3
Research Methods 1		3 ED_LPA 9445	3
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Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ED_LPA 9440		3 ED_LPA 9450	3
ED_LPA 9447		3 ED_LPA 9095 (Thesis Hours)	3
ED_LPA 9485		3	
		9	6

Total Credits: 33

Admissions

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ELPA website: <https://education.missouri.edu/educational-leadership-policy-analysis/>

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the MA 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.