

PhD in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis with Emphasis in Educational Policy Studies

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		
		9	9		
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		
		9	9		
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/degrecategory/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 Educational Policy Studies must hold a master's degree from an accredited institution. Successful candidates typically demonstrate:

- A clear commitment to advancing educational equity and justice through policy research
- Alignment with ELPA's mission and faculty research strengths
- Interest in educational policy at the PK-12, higher education, or P-20 level

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