

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POLICY ANALYSIS: EDUCATIONAL POLICY ANALYSIS & EVALUATION, MS

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	Yes	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum
Credit
Requirement

30 credits

Minimum
Residence
Credit
Requirement

16 credits

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	24 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).
Other Grade Requirements	n/a
Assessments and Examinations	None.
Language Requirements	None.

REQUIRED COURSES

The following are examples of curricular pathways to complete the degree.

Note: Regardless of your pathway, the degree earned is Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis: Educational Policy Analysis & Evaluation, MS.

Educational Policy Evaluation¹

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations Core		
ELPA 870	The Politics of Education	3
ELPA 961	Critical Issues in Educational Policy	3
Methods of Policy Analysis		
ELPA/ ED PSYCH 822	Introduction to Quantitative Inquiry in Education	3
ELPA 823	Data Management for Education Policy Analysis	3
Students also select one of the following courses:		3
ELPA/ COUN PSY/ CURRIC/ED POL/ ED PSYCH/ RP & SE 719	Introduction to Qualitative Research	
ELPA 725	Research Methods and Procedures in Educational Administration	
ELPA/ COUN PSY/ CURRIC/ED POL/ ED PSYCH/ RP & SE 788	Qualitative Research Methods in Education: Field Methods I	
ELPA/ ED PSYCH 827	Surveys and Other Quantitative Data Collection Strategies	
ELPA 940	Special Topics Seminar in Educational Leadership	

Depth Courses

ELPA 890	Applied Research in Educational Administration	3
Students also select three of the following courses:		9
ELPA 701	Introduction to Higher and Post-Secondary Education	
ELPA 702		
ELPA 831	Financing Postsecondary Education	

ELPA 832	Resource Allocation for Equity and Social Justice	
ELPA 840	Public School Law	
ELPA 841	Legal Aspects of Higher Education	
ELPA/ED POL/ ED PSYCH/ RP & SE 842	Legal Foundations of Special Education and Pupil Services	
ELPA 848		
ELPA 860	Organizational Theory and Behavior in Education	
ELPA 863	Race, Class and Educational Inequality	
ELPA 875	Theory and Practice of Educational Planning	
ELPA 881	Ideas of the University: Images of Higher Learning for the 21st Century	
ELPA 887	Diversity and Inequality in Higher Education	
ELPA 910	Seminar in Educational Law	
ELPA 940	Special Topics Seminar in Educational Leadership	
Electives		3
Select any relevant substantive or methods course from ELPA or other departments.		
Total Credits		30

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Education Law¹

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations Core		
ELPA 870	The Politics of Education	3
ELPA 961	Critical Issues in Educational Policy	3
Methods of Policy Analysis		
Students select one of the following courses:		3
ELPA/ ED PSYCH 822	Introduction to Quantitative Inquiry in Education	
ELPA 823	Data Management for Education Policy Analysis	
ELPA/ COUN PSY/ CURRIC/ED POL/ ED PSYCH/ RP & SE 719	Introduction to Qualitative Research	
ELPA 725	Research Methods and Procedures in Educational Administration	
ELPA/ COUN PSY/ CURRIC/ED POL/ ED PSYCH/ RP & SE 788	Qualitative Research Methods in Education: Field Methods I	
ELPA/ ED PSYCH 827	Surveys and Other Quantitative Data Collection Strategies	

ELPA 940	Special Topics Seminar in Educational Leadership	
Depth Courses		
ELPA 840	Public School Law	3
ELPA 841	Legal Aspects of Higher Education	3
or ELPA/ED POL/ ED PSYCH/ RP & SE 842	Legal Foundations of Special Education and Pupil Services	
or ELPA 910	Seminar in Educational Law	
Students also select three of the following courses: ²		9
ELPA 701	Introduction to Higher and Post-Secondary Education	
ELPA 702		
ELPA 831	Financing Postsecondary Education	
ELPA 832	Resource Allocation for Equity and Social Justice	
ELPA 841	Legal Aspects of Higher Education	
ELPA/ED POL/ ED PSYCH/ RP & SE 842	Legal Foundations of Special Education and Pupil Services	
ELPA 910	Seminar in Educational Law	
ELPA 848		
ELPA 860	Organizational Theory and Behavior in Education	
ELPA 863	Race, Class and Educational Inequality	
ELPA 875	Theory and Practice of Educational Planning	
ELPA 881	Ideas of the University: Images of Higher Learning for the 21st Century	
ELPA 887	Diversity and Inequality in Higher Education	
ELPA 940	Special Topics Seminar in Educational Leadership	
ELPA 890	Applied Research in Educational Administration	
Electives		6
Select any relevant substantive or methods courses from ELPA or other departments.		
Total Credits		30

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² Students may take additional law courses of ELPA 841, ELPA/ED POL/ED PSYCH/RP & SE 842, or ELPA 910 if not used already for Depth Courses requirement.

General Studies (No Concentration)¹

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations Core		
ELPA 870	The Politics of Education	3
ELPA 961	Critical Issues in Educational Policy	3
Methods of Policy Analysis		6
Students select from the following:		

ELPA/ ED PSYCH 822	Introduction to Quantitative Inquiry in Education
ELPA 823	Data Management for Education Policy Analysis
ELPA/ COUN PSY/ CURRIC/ED POL/ ED PSYCH/ RP & SE 719	Introduction to Qualitative Research
ELPA 725	Research Methods and Procedures in Educational Administration
ELPA/ COUN PSY/ CURRIC/ED POL/ ED PSYCH/ RP & SE 788	Qualitative Research Methods in Education: Field Methods I
ELPA/ ED PSYCH 827	Surveys and Other Quantitative Data Collection Strategies
ELPA 940	Special Topics Seminar in Educational Leadership
Depth Courses	
12	
Students select from the following:	
ELPA 890	Applied Research in Educational Administration
ELPA 701	Introduction to Higher and Post- Secondary Education
ELPA 702	
ELPA 831	Financing Postsecondary Education
ELPA 832	Resource Allocation for Equity and Social Justice
ELPA 840	Public School Law
ELPA 841	Legal Aspects of Higher Education
ELPA/ED POL/ ED PSYCH/ RP & SE 842	Legal Foundations of Special Education and Pupil Services
ELPA 848	
ELPA 860	Organizational Theory and Behavior in Education
ELPA 863	Race, Class and Educational Inequality
ELPA 875	Theory and Practice of Educational Planning
ELPA 881	Ideas of the University: Images of Higher Learning for the 21st Century
ELPA 887	Diversity and Inequality in Higher Education
ELPA 910	Seminar in Educational Law
ELPA 940	Special Topics Seminar in Educational Leadership
Electives	
6	
Select any relevant substantive or methods course from ELPA or other departments.	
Total Credits	
30	

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