

# EDUCATION POLICY, ORGANIZATION & LEADERSHIP, EDM

*for the degree of Master of Education in Education Policy, Organization & Leadership (on campus, off campus & online)*

## Graduate Degree Programs

Degree programs in the Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership are designed to meet the academic and professional interests of individuals preparing for careers as academic professionals, adult educators, college professors, corporate trainers, educational policy analysts, governmental administrators, instructional designers/technologists, non-profit representatives, organizational development specialists, and university administration leaders.

## Admission

The Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership carefully considers all applicants for graduate study. Applicants should consult the department website (<http://education.illinois.edu/epol/admissions/howtoapply/>) for more detailed application information and should apply online at the online application portal (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/>). The quality of the applicant's undergraduate and graduate training and grade point average are primary considerations. Other important factors evaluated include the three letters of recommendation and statement of purpose. International applicants are required to submit proof of English proficiency. Specific requirements and waiver options are listed on the Graduate College website (<https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/04c/>).

## Off-Campus Programs

The Ed.M., Ed.D., and C.A.S. degree options within the Education Administration and Leadership graduate concentration with Principal Endorsement option are offered in a hybrid format, with two Saturdays a semester on campus in the first two years. An Ed.D. and C.A.S degree cohort is available with a Superintendent Endorsement option with one course per semester in the Chicago region and one course online in the first two years. The Ed.M. and Ed.D. degree options are offered in an online format for students in the following graduate concentration areas: Diversity & Equity in Education, Global Studies in Education, Human Resource Development, and Learning Design and Leadership. Requirements for the off-campus and online programs are identical to the on-campus degrees.

## Facilities and Resources

The College of Education also has many resources to assist graduate students through their academic career. The Bureau of Educational Research works with students to secure research funding. The Council on Teacher Education entitles candidates seeking a Professional Educator License and provides accreditation of professional education programs. Each student completing a degree program is assigned a graduate faculty advisor, who is available to assist the student with planning the program of study and determining degree requirements, courses and timelines for degree completion.

Information on university resources can be found at the GradMAP pages website (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/current-students/>).

## Financial Aid

Financial aid in the form of assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, and tuition waivers can be found throughout the college and campus. There are additional funding opportunities available through the department (<http://education.illinois.edu/epol/>), the College of Education (<https://education.illinois.edu/student-resources/graduate/financial-aid/>), and the Bureau of Educational Research (<https://education.illinois.edu/associate-dean-for-research/bureau-of-educational-research/college-research-awards/>). Please note: Graduate students employed as staff by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign are not eligible for a College of Education Fellowship. Campus opportunities can be found at the Graduate College (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/financial-aid/>) and the Office of Student Financial Aid (<http://www.osfa.illinois.edu/>).

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The Department of Education Policy, Organization & Leadership offers many programs leading to the degree of Master of Education (Ed.M.).

A list of programs and additional requirements can be found on the program's website, (<https://education.illinois.edu/faceted-search/programs/?department=epol>) the College of Education Graduate Programs Handbook (<https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/coe-graduate-handbook/>), and the Graduate College Handbook (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/>).

Students may select a concentration in:

**Bilingual-Bicultural Education** (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/>), **Digital Learning** (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/>), **Diversity & Equity in Education** (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/diversity-equity-education/>), **Educational Administration & Leadership** (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/educational-administration-leadership/>), **Global Studies in Education** (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/global-studies-education/>), **Higher Education** (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/higher-education/>), **History of Education** (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/history-education/>), **Human Resource Development** (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/human-resource-development/>), **Learning Design & Leadership** (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/learning-design-leadership/>), **Philosophy of Education** (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/philosophy-education/>), **Social Sciences & Education Policy** (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/social-sciences-education-policy/>), **Writing Studies** (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/writing-studies/>)

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Foundations Courses</b>		<b>8</b>
Select two of the following courses, taken for four credit hours each. At least one of the two foundations courses must be a course from outside the degree granting department.		
CI 446	Culture in the Classroom	

CI 501	Curriculum Development for the 21st Century	
EPOL 402	Asian American Education	
EPOL 401	History of American Education	
EPOL 403	Historical and Social Barriers	
EPOL 405	School and Society	
EPOL 406	Professional Ethics in Education	
EPOL 407	Critical Thinking in Education	
EPOL 408		
EPOL 409	Sociology of Education	
EPOL 410	Racial and Ethnic Families	
EPOL 412	Politics of Education	
EPOL 413	Economics of Education	
EPOL 480	Technology and Educational Reform	
EPOL 552	Foundation of Higher Education	
Any 400 level EPSY courses		
EPSY 553	Global Issues in Learning	
400/500-Level Courses approved by Advisor (Thesis Research Credit not included, up to 8 hours of Independent Study can be applied)		24
(Optional) Concentration Courses. May overlap with other coursework requirements: 12-24 hours		
Total Hours		32

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Other Requirements:	
Requirements may overlap.	
A concentration is not required.	
Minimum GPA	3.0
500-Level Courses Required in Education (Thesis Research Credit not included)	12 hours

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Upon the conclusion of the Ed.M. program in EPOL, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and skills in developing, implementing, and evaluating evidence-based programs and practices
2. Comprehend current topics and trends in EPOL-wide fields that inform evidence-based practices to improve equity, diversity, and social justice across a wide range of educational, professional, and organizational contexts

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#### Department of Education Policy, Organization & Leadership

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Directors of Graduate Studies: Liv T. Davila and Jon Hale

Graduate Admissions Information: Linda Stimson (on campus) and Jena Pfoff (online/off-campus)

Education Policy, Organization & Leadership website (<https://education.illinois.edu/epol/>)

Education Policy, Organization & Leadership faculty (<https://education.illinois.edu/faculty-finder/epol/>)

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#### College of Education

College of Education website (<http://education.illinois.edu/>)

College of Education programs (<https://education.illinois.edu/faceted-search/programs/>)

#### Admissions

College of Education Admissions & Requirements (<https://education.illinois.edu/programs/grad/how-to-apply/?url=/programs/grad>)

Graduate College Admissions & Requirements (<https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/>)