EDUCATION POLICY, ORGANIZATION & LEADERSHIP, PHD

for the Doctor of Philosophy in Education Policy, Organization & Leadership

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overview of grad college admissions & requirements: [https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply](https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/)
department website: [https://education.illinois.edu/epol](https://education.illinois.edu/epol)
program website: [College of Education Programs](https://education.illinois.edu/faceted-search/programs/)
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Graduate Degree Programs in Education Policy, Organization & Leadership

Majors
- Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, CAS ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/education-policy-organization-leadership-cas/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/education-policy-organization-leadership-cas/)) (on campus and off-campus)
- Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, EdD ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/education-policy-organization-leadership-edd/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/education-policy-organization-leadership-edd/)) (on campus, off-campus & online)
  - optional concentrations: EPOL concentrations listed below[Bilingual-Bicultural Education ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/))Digital Learning ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/))African American Studies ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/african-american-studies/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/african-american-studies/))]Writing Studies ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/writing-studies/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/writing-studies/))
- Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, EdM ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/education-policy-organization-leadership-edm/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/education-policy-organization-leadership-edm/)) (on campus, off-campus & online)
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- Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, MA ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/education-policy-organization-leadership-ma/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/education-policy-organization-leadership-ma/)) (on campus)
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- Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, PhD (p. 1) (on campus)
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EPOL Graduate Certificates
- Instructional System Design Management and Leadership, CERT ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/epol/instructional-system-design-management-leadership-cert/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/epol/instructional-system-design-management-leadership-cert/))
- Cancer Education Management in Underrepresented and Diverse Communities, CERT ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/epol/cancer-education-management-underrepresented-diverse-communities-cert/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/epol/cancer-education-management-underrepresented-diverse-communities-cert/))
- International Education Administration & Leadership, CERT ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/epol/international-education-administration-leadership-cert/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/epol/international-education-administration-leadership-cert/))
- Learning Design and Leadership, CERT ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/epol/learning-design-leadership-cert/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/epol/learning-design-leadership-cert/))
- Middle Grades Education, CERT ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/middle-grades-education-cert/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/middle-grades-education-cert/))

EPOL concentrations:
- Diversity & Equity in Education ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/diversity-equity-education/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/diversity-equity-education/))
- Educational Administration & Leadership ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/educational-administration-leadership/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/educational-administration-leadership/))

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The Department of Education Policy, Organization & Leadership offers many programs leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). A student in the doctoral program in Education Policy, Organization & Leadership (on campus) must successfully complete the requirements outlined in the College of Education Graduate Programs Handbook (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/education-policy-organization/). 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 must submit a TOEFL score.

Off-Campus Programs

The Ed.M., Ed.D., and C.A.S. degree options with Principal Endorsement are offered in the Chicago region. An Ed.D. degree cohort also is available with Superintendent Endorsement. Requirements for the off-campus Ed.M., C.A.S., and Ed.D. 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 (http://cote.illinois.edu/) entitles candidates seeking a Professional Educator License and provides accreditation of professional education programs. Each student completing a degree program is assigned a graduate adviser, 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 http://www.grad.illinois.edu/current-students/ (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 (https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/financial-aid/) and campus. Campus opportunities can be found at the Graduate College (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/funding-jobs/) and the Office of Student Financial Aid (http://www.osfa.illinois.edu/). The College of Education follows all University of Illinois policies regarding graduate student Fellowship, Scholarship and awards.

for the Doctor of Philosophy in Education Policy, Organization & Leadership (on campus)

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Students may select a concentration in:

- African American Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/african-american-studies/), 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/)

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Completion of at least 64 hours beyond the master’s degree including:

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All students will take a minimum of 16-20 credit hours, depending on area of methodology focus, in approved research methods courses. ([https://education.illinois.edu/student-resources/graduate/coe-graduate-handbook/phd/#PhDResearch](https://education.illinois.edu/student-resources/graduate/coe-graduate-handbook/phd/#PhDResearch))

(Optional) Concentration Courses. May overlap with other coursework requirements 12-24

Total Hours 64

### Other requirements

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