EDUCATION POLICY, ORGANIZATION & LEADERSHIP, PHD

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

The Department of Education Policy, Organization & Leadership offers many programs leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). A list of programs and additional requirements can be found on the program’s website, [https://education.illinois.edu/faceted-search/programs/?department=epol](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/](https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/coe-graduate-handbook/)), and the Graduate College Handbook ([http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/)).

Students may select a concentration in:

- African American Studies ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/african-american-studies/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/african-american-studies/)),
- Digital Learning ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/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/](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/)),
- Global Studies in Education ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/global-studies-education/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/global-studies-education/)),
- Higher Education ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/higher-education/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/higher-education/)),
- History of Education ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/history-education/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/history-education/)),
- Learning Design & Leadership ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/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/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/philosophy-education/)),
- Social Sciences & Education Policy ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/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/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/writing-studies/)).

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

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