EDUCATION POLICY, ORGANIZATION AND LEADERSHIP

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Major: Education Policy, Organization and Leadership


Off-Campus Program: Ed.M., C.A.S., Ed.D.
Graduate Concentration: Educational Administration and Leadership, Writing Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/writing-studies/#text).

Online Programs: Ed.M., Ed.D.

Graduate Minor: College Teaching

Joint Degree Program: Education Policy, Organization and Leadership and Business Administration
Degrees Offered: Ed.M./M.B.A., M.A./M.B.A.

Medical Scholars Program: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership and Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) through the Medical Scholars Program (https://www.med.illinois.edu/mdphd)

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 for more detailed application information http://education.illinois.edu/epol/admissions/howtoapply and should apply online at 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 must submit a TOEFL score.

Off-Campus Programs

The Education Policy, Organization and Leadership department offers selected off-campus programs in the Chicago region, through the use of a cohort model. The Ed.M. and C.A.S. degree options with General Administrative Endorsement are offered in the Chicago region. An Ed.D. degree cohort also is available in School Executive Leadership. Requirements for the off-campus Ed.M., C.A.S., and Ed.D. programs are identical to the on-campus degrees.

Medical Scholars Program

The Medical Scholars Program permits highly qualified students to integrate the study of medicine with study for a graduate degree in a second discipline. Students may apply to the Medical Scholars Program prior to beginning graduate school or while in the graduate program. Applicants to the Medical Scholars Program must meet the admissions standards for and be accepted into both the doctoral graduate program and the College of Medicine. Students in the dual degree program must meet the specific requirements for both the medical and graduate degrees. On average, students take eight years to complete both degrees. Further information on this program is available by contacting the Medical Scholars Program, 125 Medical Sciences Building, (217) 333-8146 or at www.med.illinois.edu/msp (http://www.med.illinois.edu/msp).

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 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.

Financial Aid

Financial aid in the form of assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, and tuition waivers can be found throughout the college and campus. There are opportunities available through the department (http://education.illinois.edu/epol), the College of Education (http://education.illinois.edu/students/graduate-financialaid), and the Bureau of Educational Research (http://www.ed.illinois.edu/ber/fundingresources.html). Please note: Graduate students employed as Staff by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign are not eligible for a College of Education Award or Scholarship. Campus opportunities can

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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).

Master of Education (M. Ed.) in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership (EPOL) (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/ed-pol-org-leadership/med-epol)

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership (EPOL) (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/ed-pol-org-leadership/ma-epol)

Degree requirements for the two doctoral degrees in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership (EPOL), the Doctor of Education (Ed. D.) and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.) are listed below. Students may select an optional concentration (p. 3). Concentrations are available in Diversity & Equity in Education, Educational Administration and Leadership, Global Studies in Education, Higher Education, History of Education, Human Resource Development, Learning Design and Leadership, Philosophy of Education, and Social Sciences & Education Policy. The African American Studies concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/african-amer-studies/#concentrationtext) is available for the Ph.D. degree.

### Doctor of Education in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership

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Total minimum hours 64

**Other Requirements**

Other requirements may overlap

- A concentration is not required

- Masters degree required for admission to Ed. D.

- Residency: 16 hours over 4 consecutive semesters of study

- Qualifying exams

- Human subjects approval

- Preliminary exam

- Final exam/dissertation defense

- Dissertation deposit

Minimum GPA: 3.0

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### Doctor of Philosophy in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership

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Total Hours 64

**Other requirements**

- A concentration is not required

- Minimum GPA: 3.0

- Master’s degree required for admission to Ph. D.

- Residency requirement: 2 consecutive full-time (12 hours) semesters of study on campus

- Early research requirement

- Qualifying exams

- Human subjects approval

- Preliminary exam

- Final exam/dissertation defense

- Dissertation deposit

¹ 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/current-students/graduate/coe-graduate-handbook/phd/#PhDResearch).

² For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s program information online (http://education.illinois.edu/epol) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

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### Certificate of Advanced Study in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign’s College of Education complies with the U.S. Department of Education’s Gainful Employment requirements by disclosing information to applicants regarding our Certificate of Advanced Study program. Required information can be found here (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/ed-pol-org-leadership/EPOL.pdf).

Degree requirements for the Certificate of Advanced Study in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership (EPOL) are listed below. Students may select an optional concentration (p. 3). Concentrations are

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If the student does not have a Master's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the foundation courses listed below must be completed. The minimum GPA is 3.0.

For additional details and requirements refer to the department's Web site, the College of Education Graduate Programs Handbook, and the Graduate College Handbook.

### Psychological Foundations Courses in Educational Psychology

Select one of the following:

- EPSY 400 Psyc of Learning in Education
- EPSY 401 Child Language and Education
- EPSY 402 Sociocultural Infl on Learning
- EPSY 404 Adjustment in School Settings
- EPSY 405 Personality and Soc Dev
- EPSY 406 Psyc of Classroom Management
- EPSY 407 Adult Learning and Development
- EPSY 408 Learning & Hum Dev w/ EdTech
- EPSY 430 Early Adolescent Development
- EPSY 485 Assessing Student Performance
- EPSY 490 Developments in Educ Psyc

### Philosophical and Social Foundations Courses in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership

Select one of the following:

- EOL 548 Poli & Cultural Context of Ed
- EPS 400 History of American Education
- EPS 401 History of Educational Ideas
- EPS 402 Asian American Education
- EPS 403 European Education to 1600
- EPS 404 European Education since 1600
- EPS 405 Historical & Social Barriers
- EPS 410 Professional Ethics in Education
- EPS 411 School and Society
- EPS 412 Critical Thinking in Education
- EPS 413 Aesthetic Education
- EPS 415 Technology & Educational Reform
- EPS 420 Sociology of Education
- EPS 421 Racial and Ethnic Families
- EPS 423 Politics of Education
- EPS 424 Economics of Education
- EPS 426 Comparative Education

500-Level Courses: 16
400/500-Level Courses: 16
Independent Study: 0-8
(Optional) Concentration Courses. May overlap with other general coursework requirements: 12-24

Total Hours: 32

For additional details and requirements refer to the department's Web site, the College of Education Graduate Programs Handbook, and the Graduate College Handbook.

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**Graduate Minor in College Teaching**

The Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership (EPOL) offers a Graduate Minor in College Teaching. The minor provides students with the opportunity to explore the scholarly literature on and practice of teaching and learning in postsecondary settings. Students in good standing in the Illinois Graduate College are eligible to apply for the minor. For additional information, please contact EPOL.

Note: Students within the major can not minor in the same program.

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Total Hours: 12

1 For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s Web site, the College of Education Graduate Programs Handbook, and the Graduate College Handbook.

- African American Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/african-amer-studies/#concentrationconcentrationtext): The graduate credit needed for this concentration fulfills general coursework requirements for the M.A. and Ph. D. degrees. The requirements for this concentration are determined by the Department of African American Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/african-amer-studies/#text).
- Diversity & Equity in Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/ed-pol-org-leadership/diversityequityeducationconcentration)
- Educational Administration and Leadership (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/ed-pol-org-leadership/edadminleadershipconcentration)
- Global Studies in Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/ed-pol-org-leadership/globalstudiesinconcentration)
- Higher Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/ed-pol-org-leadership/higherededucationconcentration)
- History of Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/ed-pol-org-leadership/historyofeducationconcentration)
- Human Resources Development (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/ed-pol-org-leadership/humanresourcesdevconcentration)
- Learning Design and Leadership (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/ed-pol-org-leadership/learningdesignleadershipconcentration)
- Philosophy of Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/ed-pol-org-leadership/philosophyofeducationconcentration)
- Social Sciences & Education Policy (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/ed-pol-org-leadership/socialsciandedpolicyconcentration)

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• Writing Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/writing-studies/#concentrationtext): This concentration is available to all degree programs in EPOL. The requirements are determined by the Center for Writing Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/writing-studies/#text).

We offer a Master of Education and a Doctor of Education degree that enables students to receive a University of Illinois education without ever coming to our campus. The online Master of Education in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership follows the requirements as listed under the Masters tab (p. 2). The online Doctor of Education degree follows the requirements as listed under the Doctoral tab (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/ed-pol-org-leadership/#doctoratestext). Students may select an optional concentration (p. 3) with either degree. Concentrations are available in Diversity & Equity in Education, Educational Administration and Leadership, Global Studies in Education, Human Resource Development, and Learning Design and Leadership.

**M.B.A. Joint Degree Program**

Students in this unit may choose to earn their major degree and simultaneously complete an M.B.A., with 12 fewer required hours than when pursuing both degrees independently. Students must be enrolled in the M.B.A. program for three terms and complete all the requirements of their primary degree. Interested students should see the joint program requirements (https://mba.illinois.edu/academics/joint-degrees) and contact the M.B.A. program and their major department office for more information.