

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POLICY ANALYSIS: WISCONSIN IDEA EXECUTIVE PHD COHORT, PHD

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

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 Graduate Coursework Requirement	75 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	51 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	Doctoral students are required to take a comprehensive preliminary/oral examination after they have cleared their record of all Incomplete and Progress grades (other than research and thesis). Deposit of the doctoral dissertation in the Graduate School is required.
Language Requirements	Contact the program for information on any language requirements.
Graduate School Breadth Requirement	All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/).

REQUIRED COURSES

Final course sequence and instructors to be determined by Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis chair and cohort coordinator. Seven terms of coursework totaling 53 credits, plus at least 4 credits of ELPA 990 are required. Students must take 75 total credits toward the PhD, including 6 credits for breadth completed before admission or outside the cohort program. The most recent course sequence follows:

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
ELPA 810	Doctoral Inquiry in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis	3
ELPA 870	The Politics of Education	3
ELPA/ED PSYCH 822	Introduction to Quantitative Inquiry in Education	3
ELPA 910	Seminar in Educational Law	3
ELPA 824	Field Research Designs & Methodologies in Educational Administration	3
ELPA 875	Theory and Practice of Educational Planning	3
ELPA 960	Seminar in Educational Finance	3
ELPA/RP & SE 835	Leadership for Inclusive Schooling	3
ELPA 846	The School Superintendency	3
ELPA 860	Organizational Theory and Behavior in Education	3
ELPA 911	Authentic Pedagogy and Achievement	3
ELPA 825	Advanced Research Methods in Educational Administration	3
Special Topics		6

ELPA 940	Special Topics Seminar in Educational Leadership (Topics: Advanced Quantitative Inquiry in Education or Advanced Qualitative Methods)	
ELPA 940	Special Topics Seminar in Educational Leadership (Topic: Urban Education Leadership)	
Research or Thesis		4
ELPA 990	Research or Thesis	
Electives		15
Students may take any five courses inside or outside of the Department, to provide depth or breadth to program focus. Students are reminded that their programs must include at least 39 credits taken from ELPA. Note that electives are separation from breadth coursework.		
Breadth		12
Total Credits		75

Breadth

Breadth is a rational, unified set of courses taken outside of the department which have a clearly articulated theme or focus which allows the student to develop knowledge in a related area of study. Students may either pursue a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Students should initiate contact and approval from the minor or graduate/professional certificate department. Students must complete an additional 3 credits of course work outside of the department in order to satisfy the supporting coursework requirement for the department. At least two courses (6 credits) must be completed during or after the semester in which the student is admitted to the PhD program.

Practicum

The program includes a practicum experience that requires 150 contact hours for an initial administrator license and an additional 75 hours for each additional administrative license. Practicums are completed under the guidance of department faculty.

Portfolio

Submission and approval of an online portfolio is required for both degree completion and certification. Portfolio requirements (<https://elpa.education.wisc.edu/academics/resources-handbooks-and-forms/>) are available on the department website.

Other Policy

Students in this program may not take courses outside the prescribed curriculum without faculty advisor and program director approval. Students in this program cannot enroll concurrently in other undergraduate or graduate degree programs.