

# EDUCATIONAL POLICY STUDIES, M.A.

## REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

#### MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	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  
Credit  
Requirement 30 credits

Minimum  
Residence  
Credit  
Requirement 16 credits

Minimum  
Graduate  
Coursework  
Requirement 18 of the 30 total credits must be completed in graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university's Course Guide (<https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide>).

Overall  
Graduate  
GPA  
Requirement 3.00 GPA required.

**Other Grade Requirements** The Graduate School requires an average grade of B or better in all coursework (300 or above, not including research credits) taken as a graduate student unless conditions for probationary status require higher grades. Grades of Incomplete are considered to be unsatisfactory if they are not removed during the next enrolled semester.

**Assessments and Examinations** Contact the program for information on required assessments and examinations.

**Language Requirements** Contact the program for information on any language requirements.

### REQUIRED COURSES

All candidates for the master of arts degree must take the introductory colloquium, ED POL 701 Introduction to Educational Policy Studies, during their initial semester, or for those entering the program in the spring semester, the following fall. Students intending to complete only the M.A. degree plan a program defined by a minimum of 30 graduate-level credits. In addition to ED POL 701, M.A. students must take at least 18 further credits in the Department of Educational Policy Studies (exclusive of Independent Reading and Research and Thesis). Students may count no more than 3 credits of ED POL 990 Research or Thesis and no more than 3 credits of ED POL 999 Independent Reading in fulfilling the requirements for the minimum 30-credit master's degree. Entering master's students who are or may be interested in pursuing the doctoral degree in EPS should plan their master's program in accordance with the Ph.D. concentration requirements described here (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/educational-policy-studies/educational-policy-studies-phd/#requirementstext>).