

EDUCATION STUDIES, BS

NOTICE OF PROGRAM NAME CHANGE

The BS-Education Studies program name will be changing to the BS-Educational Policy Studies. Summer 2025 is the last term that students will be awarded the BS-Education Studies. Beginning in Fall 2025, the program name will be the BS-Educational Policy Studies.

OVERVIEW

The Education Studies degree program addresses urgent questions related to domestic and global education policy and practice. Majors become thought leaders who engage critically and ethically in educational policy debates and practice. While pursuing Education Studies, students (<https://eps.education.wisc.edu/current-students/student-profiles/>):

- analyze the relationships among education, inequality, and social justice
- investigate local, national, and global connections between education and other policy areas, including housing, healthcare, migration, justice, political reform, economic development, and foreign policy
- explore contemporary educational issues from early childhood through K-12, higher education, and the workforce
- engage in community-based learning, study abroad and study away, career development, internships, and research experiences related to education
- compete for grants (<https://eps.education.wisc.edu/about/student-awards/>) for research or applied work and awards (<https://eps.education.wisc.edu/about/student-awards/>) in writing, research, and community-engaged scholarship
- acquire qualitative, quantitative, and historical research skills to study current issues in education policy and apply knowledge to practice

Through coursework, projects, advising, and independent studies, the Education Studies major prepares students for work in educational settings such as:

- Governmental agencies
- Non-governmental organizations (both domestic and international)
- Think tanks and policy institutes
- Community organizations
- Corporate, community, and non-traditional educational spaces

Graduates might serve as education and policy analysts, education specialists, policy researchers, program directors, youth workers, or in other positions of institutional leadership. They will also be well prepared to work in government, education, and social justice-related organizations, or to pursue advanced studies in education or educational policy at the master's and doctoral level.

Graduates will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Education Studies from the School of Education. This program does not lead to teacher certification, but it can enhance and complement teacher

preparation programs. Students interested in gaining teaching licenses after graduation should connect with the School of Education Student Services office or the School of Education Career Center (<https://careercenter.education.wisc.edu/>) office on campus to discuss their options.

Students interested in pursuing this major are encouraged to consult with advising staff at the School of Education Student Services office, Room 139 Education Building, 1000 Bascom Mall, 608-262-1651 or studentservices@education.wisc.edu. Current students can schedule an appointment online through the Starfish app (<https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/>) in MyUW.