The Education Studies degree program addresses urgent questions related to domestic and global education policy and practice. Majors will become well-informed leaders who can engage critically, thoughtfully, and ethically in educational policy debates and practices in Wisconsin, the U.S., and the world.

Undergraduates interested in issues of inequality and social justice will have multiple and on-going opportunities to study these dimensions of educational reform. Courses explore the interconnections between education and other major socio-economic institutions, including the justice system, the healthcare system, political systems, economic development, and foreign affairs. Students also have the opportunity to explore the interconnections between education and local, national, and global organizations. Students study educational debates, including those concerning education-related social disparities and the pursuit of equity, and have opportunities to engage in community-based learning, study abroad, and internship experiences related to education studies.

Through coursework, projects, advising, and independent studies, the Education Studies major prepares students for work in educational and governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations (both domestic and international), think tanks, policy institutes, community organizations, and other out-of-school educational spaces. Graduates might serve as project officers, policy directors, youth workers, or in other positions of institutional leadership and will be well prepared to work in education-related organizations or to pursue advanced studies in 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 directly to teacher certification; students interested in gaining teaching licenses after graduation may be aided in that pursuit by staff in the School of Education Student Services office or other Career Services (https://careers.wisc.edu/) offices on campus.)

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. Current students can schedule an appointment online through the Starfish app (https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/) in MyUW.