EDUCATION STUDIES AND THE WISCONSIN EXPERIENCE

Education Studies (ES) coursework is enhanced by supplemental activities—in and beyond the classroom—that extend what students are learning in course texts and discussions.

**Guest Speakers** - Many Educational Policy Studies (EPS) courses include guest speakers such as prominent educational scholars from universities across the globe, local educational leaders from community-based organizations and school districts, and educational policymakers. The Department of Educational Policy Studies also hosts three speaker series each year that highlight cutting-edge research, ES alumni, career panels, an annual conference that addresses new developments in education (https://eps.education.wisc.edu/about/conferences/), and examples of how educational research can be used to inform policy and practice.

**Additional Majors and Certificates** - Many Education Studies students pursue a second major and/or certificates that complement the skills and knowledge they’re gaining via their ES coursework and experiences.

**Volunteer and Leadership Experiences** - It is common for Education Studies students to be involved in volunteer and leadership experiences on campus and/or within the broader community. Education Studies students have the opportunity to take Community-based Learning (CBL) courses in EPS that enable them to integrate what they’re learning in the classroom with what they’re learning through their volunteerism in local educational spaces, such as schools, the United Way (https://www.unitedwaydanecounty.org/), Centro Hispano (https://www.micentro.org/), Goodman Center (https://www.goodmancenter.org/), and other organizations.

**Career Development and Internships** - Our department encourages career development beyond our classrooms by offering courses such as ED POL 202: Careers in Education that helps prepare ES majors to pursue careers post-graduation and ED POL 203: Internship In Education which allows students to earn credit for education-affiliated internships.

**Leadership and Mentoring** - ES majors also have the opportunity to develop leadership skills through programs like the ES Ambassadors Program, in which students advise EPS faculty and staff and help recruit new students via their course presentations and participation in departmental events. Incoming and transferring Education Studies majors are invited to partake in our Education Studies Buddy program where they will be paired with a Junior or Senior Education Studies major for guidance and mentorship.

**Awards** - The ES program also has a number of awards (https://eps.education.wisc.edu/about/student-awards/) that recognize excellence in undergraduate research, writing, and community engagement: the Outstanding Research in Education Studies Award, the Outstanding Paper in Educational Studies Award, and the Eric Flanagan Community-Engaged Scholarship Award.