

Educational Policy Studies (EDPS)

Courses

EDPS 412. Politics of Urban Education. 3 or 4 hours.

Relations between school governance and politics. The role of educational interest groups, school boards, professional educators, and citizens in formulation and execution of educational policy. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 415. Current Controversies in Urban Higher Education. 3 or 4 hours.

Examines critical issues in urban higher education such as academic freedom, free speech, college affordability, alcohol/drugs, and student mental health, as well as the legal consequences of these and other issues. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above.

EDPS 449. Early Childhood /Early Childhood Special Ed: Perspectives, Policies and History. 3 hours.

Perspectives, policies, history, and foundations of Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education. Emphasis on the effects of changing economic, political, legal, social, and views of human development. Course Information: Same as EPSY 449 and SPED 449.

EDPS 453. Topics in Educational Policy Studies. 3 or 4 hours.

Topics are announced at the time the class is scheduled. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours.

EDPS 480. Youth Culture Community Organizing and Education. 4 hours.

Introduction to the tenets of community organizing in partnership with contemporary interpretations of youth culture as a means to interpret urban public education. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing; or consent of the instructor. Recommended background: Experience with working with youth in K-12 classrooms, community organizations, community centers, and faith-based groups.

EDPS 500. City Schools: Education in the Urban Environment. 4 hours.

Cross-disciplinary, critical analysis of relationships between public schools and school districts and their urban environments, with attention to implications for school improvement. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 501. Education Finance and Budgeting. 4 hours.

Role of government, school boards, and community in funding education. Principles of school and district financial planning, management, and analysis. Equity issues in school finance. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 502. Advanced Foundational Studies in Philosophy of Education. 4 hours.

Advanced investigation of historical and emergent themes in philosophy of education, with specific attention to competing perspectives on human nature and knowing, methods of philosophic inquiry, and the nexus of democratic and educational theory. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Enrollment in a doctoral program or consent of the instructor. Recommended background: ED 402.

EDPS 503. History and Historiography in Education. 4 hours.

An advanced critical analysis of the history of education in the United States, with specific attention to competing historical perspectives, historical methods of investigation, and the educational histories of different population groups.

EDPS 505. Social Theory in Educational Foundations. 4 hours.

Investigates competing theoretical perspectives in the social foundations of education, addressing the evolution of social and educational theory. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Enrollment in a doctoral program or consent of the instructor.

EDPS 510. Introduction to Doctoral Education in Policy Studies. 4 hours.

Required doctoral seminar taken in the first year of doctoral study. It introduces students to doctoral education, theoretical perspectives and research problems in both concentrations of the Ph.D. program, Policy Studies in Urban Education. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the Ph.D. in Policy Studies in Urban Education program or consent of the instructor.

EDPS 511. Introduction to Academic Writing in Educational Policy Studies. 2 hours.

Assesses the academic writing skills of PhD students and introduces them to the various genres of writing they will be doing while completing coursework on the way to their dissertation. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Admission to the Ph.D. in Policy Studies in Urban Education program or consent of the instructor.

EDPS 512. Data and Interpretation in Educational Policy Studies. 4 hours.

Methodology course providing students with basic understanding and skills in assessing, interpreting and representing quantitative and qualitative evidence in educational policy studies research. Students study research design and critique. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): ED 500 and enrollment in the Ph.D. in Policy Studies in Urban Education program or consent of the instructor.

EDPS 515. Urban Higher Education Organization and Context. 4 hours.

Study of historical and philosophical foundations as context for contemporary urban higher education. Examination of external influences (social, political, economic, technological, legal, and international) on urban higher education organizations. Prerequisite(s): Admission to MEd in Urban Higher Education or consent of instructor.

EDPS 517. Administration and Governance of Urban Higher Education. 4 hours.

Investigation of structures of governance and administration in urban higher education. Examination of urban colleges and universities as complex organizations, and analysis of theories of leadership, advocacy, and change in urban higher education. Prerequisite(s): Admission to MEd in Urban Higher Education OR consent of instructor.

EDPS 518. Students, Diversity, Equity, and Access in Urban Higher Education. 4 hours.

Exploration of issues related to diversity in urban higher education, equity, and student access and opportunity. Attention to race and ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic class, disability & exceptionality, sexuality, sexual orientation & religion. Prerequisite(s): Admission to MEd in Urban Higher Education OR consent of instructor.

EDPS 519. Student Transitions to College. 4 hours.

Analysis of student expectations and preparation for college and an examination of how students make the transition to college, structures and initiatives that can support that transition, an impediments to entering and succeeding in college. Prerequisite(s): Admission to MEd in Urban Higher Education OR consent of instructor.

EDPS 520. The City as Campus: Community Engagement and Interaction. 4 hours.

Critical analysis of relationships between urban universities and colleges and their environments and communities, with attention to implications for students, faculty, staff, and administrators. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the MEd in Urban Higher Education or consent of instructor.

EDPS 529. Internship in Urban Higher Ed. 1-4 hours.

Provides on-site coaching, mentoring and classwork to support students' understanding of urban higher education and its challenges and opportunities. Facilities integration of coursework and understanding of leadership and change in higher education. Course Information: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite(s): Admission to MEd in Urban Higher Education OR consent of instructor.

EDPS 530. Seminar, Urban Higher Education in the 21st Century: Ideas and Opportunities. 4 hours.

Capstone course that brings together prior coursework supporting the academic and professional objectives of each student. Students will demonstrate mastery of content and program learning objectives through a culminating project. Prerequisite(s): EDPS 515 and EDPS 517 and EPSY 516 and EDPS 518; admission to the MEd in Urban Higher Education OR consent of Instructor.

EDPS 535. Human Development for School Leaders. 4 hours.

Deepens school leaders' understanding of human development across the lifespan, from birth to adult learning in schools; includes attention to differentiated instruction, SpEd inclusion, and ELL learners in all age groups. Course Information: Same as EPSY 535. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 543. The Criminalization of Youth in Urban Schools. 4 hours.

Using contemporary social theory, this course investigates the disciplining, punishing, and criminalization of youth in urban schools, paying particular attention to the racialized, classed, gendered, and ableist contours of these social processes. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 544. Research Design in Educational Policy Studies. 4 hours.

Alternative research design models and evaluation methodologies; quantitative and qualitative approaches; ethnography; historiography; experimentation and quasi-experimentation; institutional and practitioner research designs and methods. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor or admission to the Ph.D. in Policy Studies in Urban Education, or the Ed.D. in Urban School Leadership.

EDPS 548. Leading Improvement of Literacy Learning. 4 hours.

Leadership development to promote effective reading and writing instruction across the curriculum with particular attention paid to effective organizational and instructional strategies for PreK-12 students. Course Information: Same as CI 548. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 549. Critical Pedagogy: Practice and Theory. 4 hours.

Examine theory and practice of social justice teaching in schools, including: history liberatory pedagogies, culturally relevant and critical pedagogies, funds of knowledge, critical multiculturalism and anti-racist pedagogy, critical race theory. Course Information: Same as CI 549. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 550. Improving Education Organizations. 4 hours.

Introduction to theories, processes and leadership of organizational change in education. Particular emphasis is placed on alternative approaches to organizational change in schools, such as "turnaround" change and continuous improvement. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 551. Cycles of Inquiry for Improving Schools. 4 hours.

Introduces an integrated model of school assessment practices that bridges the gap between internal and external assessment; introduces descriptive statistics, data representation and cycles of inquiry as core drivers of continuous improvement. Course Information: Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 552. Leading Urban Schools. 4 hours.

Describes the deep structure of conventional and transformational approaches to the principal's role in improving school leadership. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 553. Leading Urban School Systems. 4 hours.

Leadership and management responsibilities of system-level administrators in urban school districts. Theory and research on system level leadership using case study analysis and field work with system administrators. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 555. Political Economy of Urban Education. 4 hours.

Politics of urban school policy and practice. Interest groups, school boards, educators, citizens, and governments as political actors. Educational leadership in political context. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 556. Leading Classroom Diagnostics and Interventions. 4 hours.

Instructional improvement role of educational leaders of urban schools. Human resource development, parent/community support, supportive organizational contexts. Strategic planning, implementation, and evaluation. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 557. Developing Organizational and Leadership Capacity. 4 hours.

Assessment and development of organizational and leadership capacity in urban schools. Human resource development, parent/community support, supportive organizational contexts. Strategic planning, implementation, and evaluation. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 558. Leading Improvement of Mathematics Learning. 4 hours.

Leadership understandings that promote high quality mathematics instruction with particular attention to student and adult learning for early childhood, intermediate, middle school and high school levels. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 559. Internship in Education Leadership. 4 hours.

Provides on-site coaching, mentoring and classwork to support students' entry into Ed.D. residency, facilitates integration of coursework and leadership practices, and intensifies leadership learning throughout the year. Course Information: 4 hours. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Conference and one Practice.

EDPS 563. Politics of Gender, Sexuality, and Education. 4 hours.

Cross-disciplinary examination of issues related to gender, sexuality, and sexual orientation in education, with critical attention paid to educational policy and practice. Course Information: Same as GWS 563. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 565. Globalization and Education. 4 hours.

Examines implications of global economic, political, and cultural processes for educational policies and practices at local and national levels. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing; and consent of the instructor.

EDPS 566. Cultural Studies in Education. 4 hours.

Examines origins, evolution, and current frameworks of cultural studies, with a focus on educational policy and practice. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 567. Economics of Education. 4 hours.

Introduction to the economics of education. Relates education and income, studies and conditions for efficient production of education, teacher markets and school finance. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 568. Education and the Law. 4 hours.

Legal rights, responsibilities, and authority of students, parents, teachers, administrators, boards, and government units in relation to schools. Legal issues in education policy and practice. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 570. Historical and Philosophical Analysis of Education Policy. 4 hours.

Historical and philosophical research methodology in the study of educational policy. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 571. The Education Policy Process. 4 hours.

Influences on the processes of educational policy making, adoption and implementation, with a focus on the school leader's role. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 572. Sociology of Education. 4 hours.

Education as a social institution in interaction with other institutions, such as the economy. Topics include the emergence of national systems of education, purposes of education, inequality and educational reform. Course Information: Same as SOC 572. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 573. Seminar in Education Leadership Practice. 4 hours.

Budget and finance, strategic planning and decision making, communication, use of data and technology, parent/community relations, student support services. Different sections will focus on school-level and system-level administration. Course Information: May be repeated. 4 hours is required for the Illinois Type 75 certificate. Additional hours may be needed for students to satisfy local school system administrator certification requirements (such as Chicago Public School's 1019 requirement). Prerequisite(s): Admission to the Ed.D. in Urban Educational Leadership program and consent of the instructor. Requires concurrent registration in EDPS 559.

EDPS 578. Political Theory and Education Policy. 4 hours.

Theoretical perspectives on the role of politics in the development of educational policy at the federal, state and local levels. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 579. Organization Theory in Education. 4 hours.

Organizational effectiveness and organizational improvement in education. Multi-disciplinary and historical perspectives and their application to understanding the nature and function of educational organizations. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 581. Collective Bargaining in Education. 4 hours.

Role of collective bargaining in governance, function, and improvement of school systems. Models and processes of negotiation, engagement, and conflict resolution. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 582. Cultural Pluralism and Education Policy. 4 hours.

Social philosophical analysis of the theory of cultural pluralism, its relation to the liberal-experimentalist tradition in educational thought; selected equal educational opportunity policies; recent federal and state legislation on multicultural education. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 583. Women in Education. 4 hours.

An overview of girl's and women's educational experiences and placement within the academic structure (as students, professionals and intellectuals). The impact of gender on the realization of educational, economic and social opportunities. Course Information: Same as GWS 583. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor or enrollment in the Ph.D. in Policy Studies in Urban Education program.

EDPS 586. Practitioner Inquiry for School Leaders. 4 hours.

Development and application of systems and protocols that support progressive cycles of formative assessment and institutional problem-solving; leadership development strategies for taking these systems to scale. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 587. Methods of Case Study Research. 4 hours.

Study and practice in documentary and field research methods of collecting, organizing and integrating educational data for case study. Includes attention to interviewing, observation, ethnography, and historiography. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Conference and one Practice.

EDPS 588. Critical Race Theory: Race and Racism in Education. 4 hours.

Examines theories of race and racism in education within the interdisciplinary construct of Critical Race Theory. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 589. Administrative and Leadership Theory in Education. 4 hours.

Introduction to administrative and leadership theory, focusing particularly on issues of leadership and administration in organization context. Applies theory to understanding the effectiveness of leaders and leadership and to contemporary problems. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 591. Professional Capstone Inquiry. 1-8 hours.

Students design, implement, and analyze results of a research problem in this area of specialization. Completed study is reviewed by faculty. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of student's doctoral advisor.

EDPS 592. Professional Career Training in Education Policy Studies. 1-4 hours.

Faculty supervised training through university teaching, research or field-based practice. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 20 hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor and approval of the Department Chairperson.

EDPS 593. Doctoral Research Project. 1-8 hours.

Students design, implement, and analyze results of a research problem in this area of specialization. Completed study is reviewed by faculty.

Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 594. Special Topics in Educational Policy. 4 hours.

Exploration of an area not covered in existing course offerings. Topics vary. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours.

Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s):

Consent of the instructor.

EDPS 596. Independent Study in Educational Policy Studies. 1-4 hours.

Students carry out independent study in Educational Policy Studies under the direction of a faculty member. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the advisor and the Department Chairperson.

EDPS 599. Dissertation and Thesis Research in Educational Policy Studies. 0-16 hours.

Research on the topic of the student's dissertation. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the dissertation advisor.