

Educational Policy and Leadership Studies, EdS

Higher Education and Student Affairs

The Specialist in Education program in educational policy and leadership studies with a higher education and student affairs subprogram requires 60 s.h. of graduate credit. Students must earn a UI cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.00 in major coursework.

The program provides advanced graduate study in administration, policy studies, and specializations developed in consultation with an advisor. The EdS also may be awarded upon completion of a combined program of graduate work in higher education and another academic field, or upon completion of a higher education sequence following a master's degree program in a different field.

The EdS in educational policy and leadership studies with a higher education and student affairs subprogram must include the following.

Requirements	Hours
Core Courses	18
Electives	10
Specialization Area Courses	28
Research	4

Depending on the student's career goals, the program may include an appropriate structured and supervised internship, determined in consultation with the advisor.

Core Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
EPLS:6216	Finance in Higher Education	3
EPLS:6220	History of Higher Education	3
EPLS:6224	Organizational Theory and Administrative Behavior	3
EPLS:6273	College Students	3
EPLS:6275	Higher Education and Society	3
EPLS:6311	Seminar: Research Topic in Education	3

Electives

Students complete at least 10 s.h. in elective courses numbered 3000 or above that are appropriate for their individual goals. Elective courses may be selected from counselor education (prefix CSED), teaching and learning (prefix EDTL), educational policy and leadership studies (prefix EPLS), and psychological and quantitative foundations (prefix PSQF), or by other University of Iowa departments and programs. Electives must be approved by the student's advisor.

Specialization Area Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
At least 28 s.h. from these:		
EPLS:5251	College Environments	3
EPLS:5253	Assessment in Higher Education and Student Affairs	3
EPLS:6217	Theory for Scholar Practitioners	2-3
EPLS:6218	The Law and Higher Education	3
EPLS:6225	Higher Education Policy	3
EPLS:6266	Program Evaluation	3
EPLS:6321	Social Advocacy Summit	1
EPLS:6332	College Student Development	3
EPLS:6336	Impact of College on Students	3
EPLS:7385	Teaching and Learning in Higher Education	3
EPLS:7432	Strategies for Inclusive Leadership	3
Additional courses approved by advisor		

Research

Students complete at total of 4 s.h. in EPLS:7395 Educational Specialist Research.