

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Graduate Programs

The Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies (<http://elps.soe.ku.edu/>) offers a broad range of graduate professional programs in educational leadership and policy. For complete program information, contact the department.

Graduate programs in educational leadership and policy studies promote the professional and intellectual development of practitioners, teachers, and scholars at all levels of education. The department offers Master of Science in Education degrees in educational administration (PK-12), education and social policy, and higher education, as well as Ed.D. and Ph.D. degrees in educational leadership and policy studies with concentrations in educational administration, higher education, policy studies, and social and cultural studies (Ph.D only).

Note: Prospective and current students should obtain the current degree requirements from the department.

Graduate Admission to the School of Education and Human Sciences

Graduate programs in education are open to students with acceptable baccalaureate and graduate degrees whose academic records indicate that they can do successful work at the graduate level. Applicants must provide evidence of ability to work successfully at the graduate level, including experience in and commitment to the profession.

Each department in the School of Education and Human Sciences sets its own application deadlines and admission criteria. Prospective graduate students should contact the appropriate department for more information.

See Admission in the Graduate Studies (<http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies/>) section of the online catalog for more information.

Graduate Admission

Applicants for all programs must submit the following materials:

(Individual program concentrations may require additional application materials. Please check the departmental website or program advisor for additional requirements.)

1. Graduate application (<http://gradapply.ku.edu>). (<http://graduate.ku.edu/ku-graduate-application/>)
2. 1 official transcript from each post-secondary collegiate institution attended
3. Statement of purpose with relevance of degree to career aspirations.
4. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are not required for master's applicants and are optional for doctoral candidates.
5. 3 letters of recommendation evaluating the applicant's capacity for rigorous graduate study and qualifications for leadership positions in education and related fields.
6. A vita or resume.

7. Proof of English proficiency, for non-native English speakers. Visit <https://gradapply.ku.edu/english-requirements> (<https://gradapply.ku.edu/english-requirements/>) for further details.
8. Writing sample (doctoral applicants).

The following application deadlines apply:

Educational Administration

Summer	Ed.D applicants	April 1
Fall	Ph.D applicants	March 1

Higher Education

Master's degree deadlines		
Fall	Master's applicants who intend to enroll full-time and seek graduate assistantships. *The priority deadline is to participate in the assistantship process for full-time applicants. We are unable to guarantee availability of assistantships for students who submit after the priority deadline.	January 5
Fall	Master's applicants who intend to enroll full time and seek graduate assistantships in housing only are not required to submit an academic application prior to the Oshkosh Placement Exchange (OPE). More information can be found at: https://housing.ku.edu/employment-graduate-staff/	Contact department
Fall	Master's applicants who are working professionals	July 1
Spring	Master's applicants who are working professionals	December 1
Summer	Master's applicants who are working professionals	May 1
Doctoral degree deadlines		

Fall	Ph.D. applicants	March 1
Summer	Ed.D applicants	April 1

Education and Social Policy

Master's degree
deadlines

Fall	Master's applicants	March 1
Spring	Master's applicants	October 1
Summer	Master's applicants	April 1

Social and Cultural Studies in Education

Doctoral degree
deadline

Fall	Ph.D applicants	March 1
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Policy Studies

Doctoral degree
deadline

Fall	Ph.D applicants	March 1
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Ed.D. Degree Programs

The Ed.D. trains educational practitioners to understand and apply the most advanced knowledge to their work. All doctoral students must complete a program that provides a broad understanding of educational leadership and policy as well as a concentration in educational administration, higher education, social and cultural studies in education, or policy studies.

All Ed.D. students must complete a minimum of 27 hours in the major/ concentration (e.g. educational administration, higher education administration), 9 hours of research, a 3 credit hour practicum or field experience, and a dissertation. In addition, all Ed.D. aspirants complete a responsible conduct of research component that is integrated with the required coursework.

Note: Contact your department or program for more information about research skills and responsible scholarship, and the current requirements for doctoral students. Current Lawrence and Edwards Campus policies on Doctoral Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship (<http://policy.ku.edu/graduate-studies/doctoral-research-skills-requirement/>) are listed in the KU Policy Library.

A general description of each concentration is given here.

Educational Administration

The educational administration concentration prepares teachers and administrators for school district leadership roles. Studies stress fundamental fields of knowledge and educational policy development necessary for effective leadership of school districts. The Ed.D. leads to licensure in Kansas at the district level. Students pursuing this degree from outside of Kansas should contact their licensing board to determine requirements for district level license. This concentration requires students to take classes in the summer.

Major courses in consultation with your faculty advisor:

Code	Title	Hours
ELPS 956	District Leadership	3
ELPS 948	Research in Education Policy and Leadership	3
ELPS 953	District Human Resource Management	3
ELPS 871	Introduction to Qualitative Research	3
ELPS 954	Sociology of Educational Organizations	3
ELPS 951	Supervision of Instruction	3
C&T 903	Curriculum Supervision	3
ELPS 949	Educational Policy and Politics	3
ELPS 955	District Business Management	3
ELPS 957	Educational Policy, Ethics and Law	3
EPSY 870	Quantitative Methods for Research in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies	3
ELPS 969	Dissertation Seminar (Applied Statistics)	3

Dissertation Requirements:

After successfully completing the comprehensive exam, students must enroll in 6 credit hours of dissertation per semester, excluding summer semester, until the dissertation is complete or 18 credit hours are completed. After 18 credit hours of dissertation are completed, a student must enroll in 1 hour per semester, excluding summer semester, until the dissertation is completed.

Higher Education

The concentration in higher education provides current and prospective college or university staff members and administrators with theoretical and practical knowledge of higher education as a complex human activity.

All EdD students must complete a period of continuous study. Options for meeting this requirement are found in the course catalog.

Students must complete a written and oral comprehensive exam typically taken after all course requirements are completed.

Code	Title	Hours
EPSY 870	Quantitative Methods for Research in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies	3
ELPS 871	Introduction to Qualitative Research	3
ELPS 882	Higher Education in the United States	3
ELPS 948	Research in Education Policy and Leadership	3
ELPS 969	Dissertation Seminar	3
ELPS 973	Research on College Students	3
ELPS 979	Postsecondary Leadership and Practice	3
ELPS 980	Finance of Higher Education	3
ELPS 985	Program Evaluation in Higher Education	3
ELPS 986	Organization and Governance of Higher Education	3
ELPS 987	Diversity Leadership in Higher Education	3
ELPS 995	Field Experience in:	3
ELPS 998	Seminar in: _____ (Reading)	3

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the dissertation is completed. Post-comprehensive enrollment credit hours can include Dissertation Seminar (ELPS 989) or additional research courses.)