

EDUCATION POLICY, MSED

The M.S.Ed. in Education Policy equips students with the knowledge and methodological tools to understand, evaluate, and implement programs and policies that impact students and communities across the country and around the world. Our graduates go on to take leading roles in such organizations as school districts, federal and state departments of education, education policy research institutes, and education-related non-profit organizations.

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Curriculum

M.S.Ed. students in Education Policy must complete 10 course units, in accordance with the curriculum outlined below, including the Education Policy Research Practicum (which fulfills the Comprehensive Examination requirement) and the Distribution Requirement. All degree candidates must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Master's degree candidates must demonstrate thorough knowledge of the field of specialization by completing the Education Policy Research Practicum. The Practicum serves an educational and evaluative purpose through which students are expected to review, integrate, and apply what they have learned over the course of their degree.

Code	Title	Course Units
Disciplinary Foundations Course		2
Select two of the following:		
EDUC 5436	Philosophical Aspects of Education Policy	
EDUC 5780	American Education Reform: History, Policy, Practice	
EDUC 5782	Sociology of Education	
EDUC 6784	Economic Aspects of Educational Policy	
EDUC 7708	The Social Organization of Schooling	
Required Methods Courses		2
EDUC 6667	Introductory Statistics for Educational Research	
Select one of the following required courses:		
EDUC 6720	Methods of Economic Evaluation in Education	
EDUC 6739	Applied Policy Analysis	
Education Policy Courses		3
Select three of the following:		
EDUC 5406	International Early Childhood Policies and Programs	
EDUC 5412	Policy Planning in International Educational Development: Theory and Practice	
EDUC 5414	Economics of Education in Developing Countries	
EDUC 5490	School and Society in America	
EDUC 5760	Applied Research Methods to Inform Policy and Practice	
EDUC 6188	Politics of School Reform	
EDUC 6462	Principles of Monitoring & Evaluation in International Education Development	

EDUC 6736	Education Finance Policy	
EDUC 7531	Risk, Resilience, and Prevention Science	
Education Policy Research Practicum (fulfills MSED Capstone Requirement) ¹		1
EDUC 7770	Education Policy Research Practicum	
Another practicum course can be taken with approval from faculty advisor		
Distribution Requirement ²		
Elective Courses		2
Select 2 electives ³		
Total Course Units		10

Required Milestones:

Comprehensive Examination (or Portfolio or Thesis)

Master's degree candidates must demonstrate thorough knowledge of the field of specialization by passing a comprehensive examination in their area of study. The examination/portfolio/thesis serves an educational and evaluative purpose through which students are expected to review and integrate what they have learned in their coursework and fieldwork. Comprehensive formats vary.

¹ Fulfills MSED Comprehensive examination. Must be B or better.

² Candidates for the M.S.Ed. degree must demonstrate knowledge of the field of education beyond the area of specialization. This requirement is met by satisfying the distribution requirement. To meet the distribution requirement, students must complete one approved graduate level (5000 and above) GSE course outside the student's area of specialization, earning a grade of "B" or better. Students should check with their program manager for a list of courses approved to fulfill the distribution requirement.

³ Elective courses may be taken at any school at Penn. Any of courses listed in #1, #3 and #4 can qualify as elective courses as long as they are not fulfilling other degree requirements. Courses must be at the 5000 level or above and taken for a letter grade (no pass/fail). Students must consult their academic advisor before enrolling in any course outside of the GSE.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2023 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.