

EDUCATION POLICY AND LEADERSHIP

Degree Requirements

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-600 Research Degree Policies. (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>)

A minimum of 42 credits is required.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
EPL 501	Proseminar in Education Policy and Leadership	3
EPL 502	Educational Policy and Politics	3
EPL 503	Equity and Diversity in Education Policy and Leadership	3
EPL 504	Research Design in Education Policy and Leadership	3
Area of Emphasis Coursework		
In consultation with their adviser, students will select 9 credits of coursework relating to one of three areas of emphasis: Educational Leadership, Educational Theory and Policy, and Higher Education.		9
Methodological Coursework		
In consultation with their adviser, students will select 12 credits, with at least (a) one quantitative course (e.g., STAT 500 or EDPSY 406) and (b) one qualitative course (e.g., HIED 586).		12
Electives		
In consultation with their adviser, students will select 9 credits of additional coursework.		9
Total Credits		42

In addition to the above course work, the Ph.D. degree requirements include successful completion of the following: a qualifying examination, English Competence requirements, a comprehensive examination, and a final oral examination (the dissertation defense). To earn the Ph.D. degree, doctoral candidates must write a dissertation that is accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Graduate School.