

EDUCATIONAL POLICY, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The Graduate Certificate in Educational Policy prepares professionals to work in policy analysis as analysts, educational researchers, and policymakers in a range of levels, including local school districts, state agencies, nonprofit agencies, as support for elected officials, and the like.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines>) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (<https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines>).

Admission

Applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree prior to admission, must have a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate grade point average, and must declare their intent to pursue the certificate before completion of six credits in the certificate sequence. Applicants with a graduate degree must have a minimum 3.00 graduate grade point average.

Application

- Students wishing to obtain this certificate must declare their intention by applying to the program office or director.
- All graduate certificate applicants—even those already enrolled in a UWM graduate program—must apply to the Graduate School through the Panthera Admission Application (<https://graduateschool-apply.uwm.edu>).
- Graduate degree and previously admitted graduate non-degree students who decide to pursue a certificate program must submit the Panthera application before completing 6 credits in the certificate sequence.
- Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree and have a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate grade point average to be admitted in to a certificate program.

Credits and Courses

The Graduate Certificate in Educational Policy requires the completion of 15 credits of graduate work: 6 core credits, 3 credits of quantitative methods, and 6 credits of electives, chosen in collaboration with the program coordinator.

Code	Title	Credits
Ed Policy Core		
ED POL 615	Service Delivery Policies & Systems for Community-Based Organizations	3
AD LDSP 832	Educational Politics and Policymaking	3
Quantitative Methods ¹		
Select one of the following: 3		
ED PSY 624	Educational Statistical Methods I	
POL SCI 701	Techniques of Political Science Research	
URBPLAN 740	Data Analysis Methods I	
SOCIOL 979	Qualitative Research Methods	

Other equivalent courses can also fulfill this requirement, as determined by department

Focus

AD LDSP 710	Organizational Change and Team Leadership	3
or AD LDSP 862	School Finance	

Advanced Statistical Methods

Select two of the following in collaboration with advisor: 6		
COMMUN 862	Public Deliberation	
ED POL 561	Education Issues in American Indian Communities	
ED POL 602	Proposal Writing and Fundraising Skills for Community-Based Organizations	
ED POL 610	Reproduction of Minority Communities	
ED POL 612	Community Participation and Power	
ED POL 621	History of Native Education and Policy Development	
ED POL 625	Race Relations in Education	
ED POL 630	Race and Public Policy in Urban America	
ED POL 770	History of Urban Education Reform Policies	
ED POL 780	Urban Education Policies and Community: Problems and Opportunities	
ED POL 822	Global Educational Studies	
POL SCI 749	Seminar in American Political Institutions	

Other courses may be chosen in conjunction with advisor

Total Credits 18

¹ Qualifying courses must include multiple linear regression.

Certificate Requirements

Transfer Credit

No more than 20% of the required credits may be taken at an institution other than UWM. To be eligible for transfer, the course must have been completed within the last two years. These courses are subject to Graduate School transfer policy and must be approved by the director of the certificate program.

Grade Point Average Requirement

A minimum cumulative 3.00 grade point average in certificate courses taken at UWM is required.

Articulation with Degree Programs

1. Credits and courses required for a certificate may double count toward meeting UWM graduate degree requirements subject to the following restrictions:
 - Degree programs must approve the courses from certificates that can double count toward the degree.
 - All credits taken in completion of certificate requirements may count towards a UWM graduate degree as long as they do not contribute more than 90% of the total credits needed to obtain the degree. (Note: Students in PhD programs must still complete the minimum residency requirements)
 - Certificate courses used toward meeting degree requirements must be completed within the time limit for transfer credit.

2. Courses completed for a degree may be counted toward a subsequent certificate, subject to all certificate policy requirements.
3. A course may count toward no more than one certificate and one degree.
4. Students may not earn a certificate subsequent to a concentration in the same area.

Time Limit

Certificate program time limits shall be established as follows:

- 18 or fewer credits/Three years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.
- 19 or more credits/Four years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.

For certificates that are designed as add-ons to degree programs and are awarded concurrent with the degree, the time limit shall be the same as that of the degree program.