URBAN EDUCATION, PHD: MULTICULTURAL STUDIES

Specialization Overview
Note that while Multicultural Studies is cross-disciplinary, for the purposes of initial advising and ongoing support the departmental home for a student in this specialization is Educational Policy and Community Studies. Students in this program will be supervised jointly by the Department of Educational Policy and Community Studies and by the Urban Education Doctoral Committee, who will assign an advisor for the particular focus area the student has chosen.

For course descriptions in this area, visit the Cultural Foundations of Education section (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/cultural-foundations-community-engagement-education/#courses) of this catalog.

Degree Overview
The School of Education offers an interdepartmental program of study leading to the PhD. Students must choose a specialization in either Adult, Continuing, and Higher Education Leadership; Art Education, Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Administration, Exceptional Education, Mathematics Education, Multicultural Studies, or Social Foundations of Education.

The program is designed to permit students to integrate their particular curricular areas of interest and specialization with a broader field of education, including urban education. Each specialization, with the exception of Multicultural Studies, is departmentally focused, and students must satisfy the admissions and curriculum requirements indicated for their particular specialization. Recognition of the specialization is acknowledged by official designation on the student's transcript.

Each of the specializations offers the doctoral student an opportunity to pursue study in a specific program area. For example, Adult, Continuing, and Higher Education Leadership emphasizes governance and leadership issues within urban adult education organizations. Educational Administration explores governance and Leadership issues of urban schools. Curriculum and Instruction provides program emphasis in a content area (e.g., reading), education level (e.g., early childhood), a general area (e.g., curriculum theory) or special area (e.g., guiding instructional improvement). Exceptional Education provides program emphasis in departmental interest areas (e.g., handicapping condition), or a cross-disciplinary interest.

A separate PhD with specialization in Counseling Psychology, Learning and Development, Research Methodology, and School Psychology is offered through the Department of Educational Psychology (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/educational-psychology/). Multicultural Studies is a cross-departmental program allowing students to develop their own area of focus in collaboration with faculty in multicultural urban education. The Social Foundations of Education specialization provides students with the conceptual tools with which to examine the complex interrelationships between school and society, education and culture.

All graduates should have a broad understanding of the issues, problems and trends related to education, including urban education, and the application of these to their major.

The program requires each participant to develop research skills ranging from logic in inquiry to development of specific methodological skills in qualitative and quantitative methods. The PhD is a research degree and not only a professional preparation degree. Therefore research is an integral part of the program. Mastery of these skills is demonstrated through coursework, research projects and the dissertation. Graduates apply their skills, in institutions of higher education, public or private school settings, federal, state, or local governmental agencies, community organizations, and the private sector.

Cooperating Departments
- Administrative Leadership
- Educational Policy and Community Studies
- Educational Psychology
- Teaching and Learning
- Information Studies (School of)

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
An applicant must meet Graduate School requirements plus the following program requirements to be considered for admission.

Graduate Record Examination
Submission of scores on the General Test portion of the Graduate Record Examination is required. Scores that are more than five years old will not be considered valid.

Grade Point Average
Undergraduate GPA of 2.85 (applicants having less than 15 graduate hours must have an undergraduate GPA of 3.50); graduate GPA of 3.5; or a combined (undergraduate and graduate) GPA of 6.5.

Writing Sample
Applicants must submit a writing sample completed within the last five years. The writing sample must be single authored, at least 1500 words, and must be selected from one of the following options:
1. Master's Thesis
2. Undergraduate Senior Thesis
3. Technical report
4. Term Paper
5. Publication
6. Written Description of a Project
7. Action Research Project
8. A 5-10 page response to the following question: How would you go about determining and evaluating critical issues in urban education? The response to this question must show evidence of appropriate references to a knowledge base.

The writing sample must be submitted with the application.
Department specialization requirements may exceed those specified in the Research Requirement. Seminars is taken as part of the department specialization. All doctoral students must take three 3-credit seminar courses devoted to content involving education in an urban environment. One of these seminars must be taken outside of the School of Education. A minor professor approves these courses, sits as a member of the student’s doctoral committee, and contributes to the student’s doctoral preliminary examination. Students are required to articulate their urban and research interests and goals in application materials. An intended concentration within the PhD must be specified at time of application.

1. Applicants who fail to satisfy these admission requirements will not be recommended for admission. However, satisfying these minima does not guarantee admission.
2. Applicants who are not recommended for admission will be provided an opportunity to request a reconsideration.

Individual specializations may expect prior coursework in that area. Applicants may contact the Director for specific information. Openings in the program are limited. Applicants should submit all application materials no later than January 1 for admission the following September. Applicants are required to articulate their urban and research interests and goals in application materials. An intended concentration within the PhD must be specified at time of application.

1. Option A: A minimum of 8 credits in a single department outside the School of Education. A minor professor approves these courses, sits as a member of the student’s doctoral committee, and contributes to the student’s doctoral preliminary examination.
2. Option B: A minimum of 12 credits in two or more departments, with a minimum of 6 credits outside of the School of Education. The remaining credits may be taken within the School of Education, but must be taken outside of the department of specialization.

Multicultural Specialization
1. Students seeking admission to the doctoral program must indicate their intended area of specialization. The application will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee of the Urban Education Doctoral Program as well as the interdisciplinary graduate faculty of the Multicultural Studies Area.
2. Students must write a brief statement explaining why they feel an interdisciplinary program is more relevant to their studies than one of the other discipline-specific specializations.
3. Subsequent to admission, the student must submit a program of concentration in Multicultural Studies developed in conjunction with the student’s advisor.
4. When the student’s course of studies in Multicultural Studies is approved by the Multicultural Studies interdisciplinary faculty, the student must submit a program of study to the Office of the Doctoral Studies for review and approval by the Director.
5. Prior to admission, or within the first 30 graduate credits after admittance to the Multicultural Studies specialization, the student must complete a research project, e.g., thesis or publishable paper.
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Urban Seminar Requirements

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Electives in Multicultural Specialization

Select 15 graduate credits

Research Design and Methodology

Select 3 elective credits

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<td>CURRINS 729</td>
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Additional Requirements

Students must be admitted first to the PhD Program in Urban Education, then specialize in Multicultural Studies. The course requirements for Multicultural Studies are outlined below.

1. Students must meet all the requirements of the Urban Education Doctoral Program.
2. Students not having a graduate degree in a field recognized by the specialization faculty may be required to take master’s level coursework as a prerequisite to admission.

Recommended Conference Submissions/Participation

The specialization strongly recommends all students submit and present their original work at two academic conferences during the course of their studies. Conferences may be local, regional, national, or international in scope. Additionally, students are highly encouraged to contribute to papers submitted to peer-reviewed academic journals prior to graduation.

Other Requirements

All students must adhere to all other general requirements of the Urban Educational Doctoral Program pertaining to such issues as residency, preliminary examinations, dissertation proposals and defense, and time limits.

Doctoral Preliminary Examination

The preliminary qualifying exam will include a section covering the student’s focus area as developed with an advisor or committee chair.

Dissertation

A dissertation with the appropriate area of emphasis is required. The dissertation committee must be composed of a minimum of four members of the graduate faculty. The dissertation advisor will be an approved doctoral advisor and a member of the School of Education. One other member must be from the School of Education, and one or two members must be from the student developed focus area.

Exit Requirements

Contingent upon the satisfactory completion of program requirements, including the passing of the prelim/proposal defense, and the successful oral defense of the dissertation, the Urban Education Doctoral Committee Chair will give final approval for the inclusion of “Urban Education: Multicultural Foundations” on your transcript.

1 Chosen under the guidance of advisor or committee chair. 6 credits must be 800 level or above. Up to 6 relevant credits may be counted from student’s master’s program transcript, as determined by of a student’s advisor. The SOE specialization includes a tailored professional area with multicultural studies.

2 Students who meet this requirement upon admission will be asked to take another research methods class in consultation with student’s academic advisor.