

# MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION POLICY STUDIES

The program is designed for students who wish to develop skills in policy research, program evaluation, and the technical, political, and managerial aspects of education policy. Emphasis is placed on developing both an understanding of the political and social environments affecting education policy and the competencies needed to develop policy options, analyze their potential, select the most promising, implement policies effectively, and evaluate impacts. Internships are offered in a variety of federal, state, and local agencies. The 36-credit-hour program includes 12 elective credits that can be used for courses, independent research, and internships in federal, state, or professional organizations.

Visit the program website (<http://gsehd.gwu.edu/programs/masters-education-policy-studies/>) for additional information.

## ADMISSIONS

**Admission deadlines:** Fall - Rolling admissions (January 15 to be considered for merit-based tuition support)  
Summer - Rolling admissions

**Standardized test scores:** GRE general test (institutional code 5246)

**Recommendations required:** Two (2) recommendations from an academic instructor/advisor or someone who can speak of your academic abilities.

**Prior academic records:** Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended should be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.

Transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an accredited independent evaluating agency. Please be sure you request a detailed evaluation that includes all course titles, credit hours, grade-point average (GPA), United States degree equivalency, and date of degree conferral. For a list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services, please follow this link: <https://www.naces.org/members.htm>.

**Statement of purpose:** In an essay of 250 to 500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study at The George Washington University, describing your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned in the application.

**Additional requirement:** A resumé is required.

**International applicants only:** Please follow this link - <https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-requirements> (<https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-requirements/>) - to review the International Applicant Information carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW.

### Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Graduate Admissions  
Graduate School of Education and Human Development  
The George Washington University  
2136 G Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20052

### Contact for questions:

[gsehdadm@gwu.edu](mailto:gsehdadm@gwu.edu) ~ 202-994-9283 (phone) ~ 202.994.7207 (fax)  
9:30 am - 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 36 credits, including 24 credits in required courses and 12 credits in elective courses.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required</b>		
EDUC 6114	Introduction to Quantitative Research	
or EDUC 6116	Introduction to Educational Statistics	
EDUC 6314	History of American Education Reform	
EDUC 6368	Leadership and Education	
EDUC 6371	Education Policy	
EDUC 6381	Program Evaluation: Theory and Practice	
EDUC 6388	Analysis of Education Policy Issues	

EDUC 8122	Qualitative Research Methods
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One of the following

EDUC 6601	International and Comparative Education
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EDUC 6602	Regional Studies in International Education
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EDUC 6610	Programs and Policies in International Education
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EDUC 6650	Education and National Development
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### **Electives**

12 credits in elective courses selected in consultation with the program advisor.