

EDUCATION POLICY AND LEADERSHIP

Joint Degrees

JOINT PH.D. WITH PENN STATE LAW

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-211 Joint Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-211-joint-degree-programs/>).

Penn State Law (PSL) and the Education Policy and Leadership (EPL) Program offer a joint degree program leading to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Higher Education.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants to the joint degree program must apply and be admitted first to Penn State Law, and subsequently to the Education Policy and Leadership graduate program. Admissions requirements and applications for admission for Penn State Law are listed in the J.D. Admissions (<https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/penn-state-law-jd-admissions>) section of the Penn State Law website. The admission requirements for the Education Policy and Leadership graduate program are listed on the Admission Requirements tab. When applying to the Education Policy and Leadership graduate program, applicants must include two letters of recommendation from Penn State Law faculty members and a career statement.

RESIDENCY

Students will normally spend six semesters in residence at Penn State Law and as many additional semesters in residence as needed to complete the additional requirements for the pertinent Education Policy and Leadership degree. Ph.D. candidates must arrange the sequence of semesters to ensure that they are in residence as full-time students in the EPL program for at least two consecutive semesters (Fall-Spring or Spring-Fall) excluding summer in a single twelve-month period.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students must fulfill all requirements for each degree in order to be awarded that degree, subject to the double-counting of credits as outlined below. Degree requirements for the J.D. program are listed on the Penn State Law website (<https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/jd-degree-requirements>). Degree requirements for the Education Policy and Leadership Ph.D. degrees are listed on the Degree Requirements tab.

PENN STATE LAW

A maximum of twelve credits of Education Policy and Leadership course work may be double-counted for credit toward the J.D. degree at Penn State Law. Students must obtain a grade satisfactory to Penn State Law for the course work to be credited towards the J.D. degree. The following Education Policy and Leadership courses may qualify for credit in Penn State Law:

Code	Title	Credits
<i>Courses Eligible to Double Count for Both Degrees</i>		
EPL 503	Equity and Diversity in Education Policy and Leadership	3
EPL 504	Research Design in Education Policy and Leadership	3
EDLDR 542	Civil Rights and Education	3

EDLDR 573	Public School Finance	3
EDLDR 576	The Law and Education	3
EDTHP 516	Education and Demographic Change	3
EDTHP 518	Analysis of U. S. Educational Policy	3
EDTHP 520	Perspectives on Contemporary School Reform	3
EDTHP 533	Social History and Education Policy	3
HIED 552	Administration and Organization in Higher Education	3
HIED 560	Legal Issues in Higher Education and Student Affairs	3

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The courses that may be double-counted will be determined by the student's degree program and must fall within the limits set in GCAC-211 Joint Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-211-joint-degree-programs/>). Normally a maximum of twelve credits of Penn State Law coursework will be double-counted for the minimum requirements for an Education Policy and Leadership Ph.D. degree, subject to approval by the student's advisory committee.

SEQUENCE

The sequence of courses will be determined by the students and their advisers.

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM OF STUDY AND ADVISING

All students in the program will have two advisers, one from Penn State Law and one from Education Policy and Leadership. Periodic interaction between the two advisers is encouraged.

TUITION

Students will be charged the applicable Penn State Law tuition to cover the J.D. program and the applicable graduate tuition to cover the Education Policy and Leadership degree program. Penn State Law tuition will be paid for the semesters in which the student is registered for Penn State Law courses, and graduate tuition will be paid for the semesters in which the student is registered for graduate courses. A student may take up to one course (3 credit hours) per semester in the program where the student is not primarily registered without any change in tuition, but must pay additional tuition to the program that the student is not primarily registered if he or she wishes to take additional course work pursuant to that program during the semester.

FINANCIAL AID AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

Decisions on financial aid and assistantships will be made by each school according to that school's procedures.

FULFILLMENT OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADUATION

All courses in one program that will count toward meeting the requirements of the other program must be completed before the awarding of either degree. If students accepted into the joint degree program are unable to complete the J.D. degree, they are still eligible to receive the Education Policy and Leadership degree if all Education Policy and Leadership degree requirements have been satisfied.