

Year/Term	Course	Credits	Format
YEAR 1: ESTABLISHING THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS OF POLICY AND PRACTICE			
Fall 1	LEAD 8001 - Educational Leadership in Organizations	3	Online
	LEAD 8002 - American Society & Ed Policy	3	Online
Spring 1	LDPS 8320 - Urban Ed: Historical & Contemporary	3	Online
	LDPS 8330 - Race/Ethnic & Gender in American Ed	3	Online
Summer 1	LDPS 8181 - Policy Implementation in Ed Administration	3	Online
	LDPS 8180 - Politics & Power in Ed Leadership	3	Online
YEAR 2: DEVELOPING EXPERTISE FOR METHODOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY IMPLEMENTATION			
Fall 2	EDPR 8541 - Stats I OR EDPR 8561 - Qual Methods (<i>must take both</i>)	3	Online
	LDPS 8305 - Issues in Educational Policy	3	Online
Spring 2	EDPR 8541 - Stats I OR EDPR 8561 - Qual Methods (<i>must take both</i>)	3	Online
	LEAD 8003 - Policy Oriented Research	3	Online
Summer 2	LDPS 8115 - Educational Leadership Seminar	3	Online
YEAR 3: PLANNING FOR INQUIRY INTO A PROBLEM OF PRACTICE			
Fall 3	EDPR 8542 - Stats II OR EDPR 8565 - Qual Methods & Analysis (<i>choose one</i>)	3	Online
	LEAD 8140 - Planning Educational Change	3	Online
Milestone: Pass Comprehensive Exam at the end of LEAD 8140: Planning Educational Change			
Spring 3	LDPS 8155 - Seminar in Educational Law	3	Online
	LEAD 8070 - Culminating Experience	3	Online
Milestone: Pass Dissertation Proposal at the end of LEAD 8070: Culminating Experience			
<i>Total Credit Hours at the end of official coursework: 45 hours</i>			
YEAR 4: DISSERTATION WORK			
Summer 3	LEAD 9000 - Dissertation Hours: Advisor-Supported Independent Work	0/3	Online
Fall 4	LEAD 9000 - Dissertation Hours: Instructor-Led Dissertation Cohort	3/6	Online
Spring 4	LEAD 9000 - Dissertation Hours: Instructor-Led Dissertation Cohort	3/6	Online
Milestone: Defend your Dissertation and Graduate after 9 Dissertation Credit Hours			
<i>Total Credit Hours at end of program: 54 hours</i>			

A minimum of 54 semester hours beyond the master's degree, including 9 hours of dissertation (LEAD 9000) are required for the doctoral program in Leadership and Policy Studies.

While students may be admitted into LDPS in any semester, the course schedule above is the recommended sequence to ensure a four-year timeline is feasible. Falling out of sequence may result in a delayed graduation. Courses are only offered during the semesters listed, and LDPS 8140 and LEAD 8070 must be taken during the final Fall and Spring semesters, respectively.

In addition to coursework, students should familiarize themselves with the Graduate School's Thesis/Dissertation Preparation Guide to understand deadlines and expectations for the dissertation research and writing processes.