Education Policy – M.S.Ed.
Planned Program of Study
(2014 – 2015)

10 course units (minimum) along with an acceptable master’s research paper are required for the M.S.Ed. degree in Education Policy. All degree candidates must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. This form is to be completed by the student in consultation with an advisor in the Education Policy program at the Penn Graduate School of Education. A copy of this signed planned program of study form must be on file in the divisional office.

1. One Disciplinary Foundations course:
   a. EDUC 559   Sociology of Education [Spring: Ingersoll]
   b. EDUC 548-001   American Education Reform: History, Policy, Practice [Fall: Puckett]
   c. EDUC 601   Economic Aspects of Education Policy [Spring: Maynard]
   d. EDUC 545-401   Politics & Education [Fall: Quinn]

2. One Required Methods course:
   a. EDUC 591   Applied Research Methods to Inform Policy and Practice [Fall: Maynard]

3. One additional Methods course:
   a. EDUC 682-002   Qualitative Modes of Inquiry [Fall/Spring/Summer: Staff]
   b. EDUC 667   Introductory Statistics for Educational Research [Fall/Spring/Summer: Staff]
   c. or another research methodology course as approved by your advisor ___________________

4. Three Education Policy-related courses chosen from the list below:
   a. EDUC 720   Teachers and Teaching Policy [Fall: Desimone]
   c. EDUC 614   Child Development and Social Policy [Spring: Fantuzzo]
   d. EDUC 519-001   Evolution of Assessment [Fall: Supovitz]
   f. EDUC 559   Sociology of Education [Spring: Ingersoll]
   g. EDUC 601   Economic Aspects of Education Policy [Spring: Maynard]

5. Research Practicum and Master’s Research Paper: Education Policy M.S.Ed. students are required to take EDUC 545-017 (Education Policy Research Practicum) in the spring semester. During the Practicum, students are required to propose, write and pass a master’s research paper in order to satisfy the degree requirements.

6. Distribution Requirement: GSE requires all M.S.Ed. degree students to complete a graduate-level GSE course outside the specialization in which they are enrolled. Education Policy M.S.Ed. degree students fulfill this requirement automatically by taking EDUC 682-002 or EDUC 667 in section # 3 above. To meet the distribution requirement, students must earn a grade of “B” or better in this course.
7. **Three Elective Courses**: may be taken at any school at Penn. Any of courses listed in #1, #3 and #4 qualify as elective courses. Courses must be at the 500 level or above and taken for a letter grade (no pass/fail). Students must consult their academic advisor before enrolling in any course outside of the Graduate School of Education.

   a. **Elective course:** __________________________________________________________
   b. **Elective course:** __________________________________________________________
   c. **Elective course:** __________________________________________________________

Students may want to consider the following as elective courses:

- EDUC 708 Schools as Organizations [Fall or Spring: Ingersoll]
- EDUC 716 Public Policy Issues in Higher Education [Spring: Finney]
- EDUC 514 Education in Developing Countries [Fall: Wagner]
- EDUC 677 Information and Communications Technologies for Education and Development in Global Perspective [Spring: Wagner]
- EDUC 545-016 Advanced Public Policy Research Seminar [Spring: Finney]
- EDUC 550 Educational and Social Entrepreneurship [Spring: Staff]
- EDUC 570 Education and the American City [Spring: Puckett]
- EDUC 702 Conceptual Models of School Administration, [Fall: Quinn]
- EDUC 698 Politics of School Reform [Fall: Quinn]
- EDUC 545 Reforming Philadelphia’s Schools: A Research Practicum on Civic Capacity [Spring: Quinn]
- EDUC 712-401 Comprehensive School Reform as Applied Public Policy [Fall: Hershberg]

Note: EDUC 545 is a temporary course number

**Graduation**: Students need to apply to graduate at [http://www.gse.upenn.edu/node/116](http://www.gse.upenn.edu/node/116).

**GSE graduates students in May, August and December.**

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Advisor signature __________________________ Date __________________________

Student signature __________________________ Date __________________________

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