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Education Policy – M.S.Ed.  
Planned Program of Study  
(2016-17)

10 course units (minimum) along with successful completion of the Education Policy Research Practicum are required for the M.S.Ed. degree in Education Policy. All degree candidates must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Courses cannot count towards two requirements, with the exception of the distribution requirement.

This form is to be completed by the student in consultation with an advisor in the Education Policy division 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 [Fall: Ingersoll]
  - b. EDUC 548      American Education Reform: History, Policy, Practice [Fall: Zimmerman]
  - c. EDUC 601      Economic Aspects of Education Policy \*Not offered 2016-17
  - d. EDUC 595      Politics & Education [Spring: Ben-Porath]
  - e. EDUC 544      School & Society [Fall: Puckett; Spring/Summer: Staff]
  
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 751      Introduction to Applied Quantitative Methods for Education Research  
[Fall: Sirinides] - *Recommended*
  - b. EDUC 682      Qualitative Modes of Inquiry [Fall/Spring/Summer: Staff]
  - c. EDUC 667      Introductory Statistics for Educational Research [Fall/Spring/Summer: Staff]
  - d. Or a higher-level methods course as approved by your faculty advisor: \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Three Education Policy courses chosen from the list below:
  - a. EDUC 545-003      Risk, Resilience, and Prevention Science [Fall: Wolf]
  - b. EDUC 545      Inequality and Education [Spring: Shores] - tentative
  - c. EDUC 559      Sociology of Education [Fall: Ingersoll]
  - d. EDUC 601      Economic Aspects of Education Policy \*Not offered 2016-17  
*MSSP 668, Economics for Social Policy [Fall], may be taken in place of EDUC 601*
  - e. EDUC 614      Child Development and Social Policy [Spring: Fantuzzo]
  - f. EDUC 698      Politics of School Reform [Fall: Quinn]
  - g. EDUC 720      Teachers and Teaching Policy [Spring: Desimone]
  
5. Education Policy Research Practicum (fulfills MEd Paper Requirement):
  - a. EDUC 711      Education Policy Research Practicum [Spring: Steinberg]

6. Three Elective Courses: Elective courses may be taken at any school at Penn. Any of courses listed in #1, #3 and #4 can qualify as elective courses as long as they are not fulfilling other degree requirements. 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 514	Education in Developing Countries [Fall: Wagner]
EDUC 545-009	Culture Wars and American Education [Fall: Zimmerman]
EDUC 551	Outside the Schoolbox [Fall: Johaneck]
EDUC 570	Education and the American City [Fall: Puckett]
EDUC 677	Information and Communications Technologies for Education and Development in Global Perspective [Spring: Wagner]
EDUC 550	Educational and Social Entrepreneurship [Spring: Ihrig]
EDUC 702	Conceptual Models of School Administration [Fall: Quinn]
EDUC 708	Schools as Organizations [Spring: Ingersoll]
EDUC 712-401	Comprehensive School Reform: From NCLB to RTTT to ESSA [Fall: Hershberg]
EDUC 900	Seminar in Applied Research Synthesis Methods [Spring: Littell] – tentative

Note: EDUC 545 is a temporary course number

7. 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. To meet the distribution requirement, students must earn a grade of “B” or better in this course.

***Graduation: Students need to apply to graduate at <http://www.gse.upenn.edu/node/116>. GSE graduates students in May, August and December.***

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