

# CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL POLICY STUDIES

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Cultural and Educational Policy Studies degrees all provide a multidisciplinary examination of education policy and practice with an overarching focus on social justice. In this program, you will apply humanities and social science perspectives to pressing educational issues and questions. Students who enroll in our program join a professionally, regionally, globally and socioculturally diverse community dedicated to social justice through education policy.

The MA in Cultural and Educational Policy Studies is intended for people who wish to develop expertise in the analysis, research, and improvement of education policy and practice. You will be required to research and write an MA thesis, and specialize in one of the following areas of concentration: comparative and international education, history of education, philosophy of education, or sociology of education.

The MEd in Cultural and Educational Policy Studies is intended for people interested in hands-on work developing, implementing and evaluating education policy at local and global levels. You will use a range of interdisciplinary methods to study education policy and practice, complete an internship, and specialize in either American education policy or global and international education policy. You will prepare an electronic portfolio as a capstone project.

The JD/MA Degree in Law and Comparative Education focuses on the legal right of children to an education. This program brings together Loyola's expertise in international law, the legal rights of children, and international education. You will earn both an MA and a JD degree through this program. A thesis is required. You can apply to take the bar exam in Illinois or another state after completing the JD program, but it is not a requirement to earn the degree.

This JD/MEd Degree in Law and Educational Policy focuses on educational policy within a legal framework. This program will produce legal professionals who have a grasp of U.S. education policy issues by joining Loyola's strengths in education policy studies and analysis with its expertise in children's rights and education law. You will earn both an MEd and a JD degree through this program. You will prepare an electronic portfolio as a capstone project. You can apply take the bar exam in Illinois or another state after completing the JD program, but it is not a requirement to earn the degree.

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Each degree offers full- or part-time enrollment, with most classes offered in the late afternoons or early evenings, allowing you to continue working while in the program. Some summer courses are also available.

- MA average time to completion: 2 years
- MEd average time to completion: 1.5–2 years
- JD/MA average time to completion: 3 years
- JD/MEd average time to completion: 3 years

## INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- The MEd requires a one-semester internship.
- The JD/MA and JD/MEd programs require a Law externship, clinic, and/or practicum experience.
- MA students design and execute original research projects.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Alumni from our masters degree programs work in a range of educational institutions, state and local boards of education, non-profit organizations, international non-governmental organizations (NGOs), or for colleges and universities in a variety of functions. MA program alumni also gain admission to nationally prominent doctoral programs and employment in research firms.

JD/MA and JD/MEd students can apply take the bar exam in Illinois or another state.

Career services are available at [LUC.edu/career](http://LUC.edu/career).

## PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

Loyola University Chicago's School of Education serves more than 1,000 graduate students enrolled in master's degree, educational specialist, certificate, and doctoral programs. The school prepares professionals in the service of social justice and promotes the Jesuit ideals of quality, intellectual rigor, and service to others.

The School of Education is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), now the Council for the Accreditation for Educator Preparation (CAEP).

## STUDENT LIFE

Summer study abroad at the John Felice Rome Center in Rome, Italy, may be available.

Participate in the rich intellectual life of the University, including listening to visiting speakers and participating in conversations about current issues in educational policy.

## FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

Learn more about the financial aid process at [LUC.edu/education/financialaid](http://LUC.edu/education/financialaid).

## LEARN MORE

APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

[gpem.LUC.edu/apply](http://gpem.LUC.edu/apply)

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