

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POLICY ANALYSIS: HIGHER EDUCATION, PHD

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 1
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not exclusively in English, must provide an English proficiency test score earned within two years of the anticipated term of enrollment. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

APPLICATION

Applicants are required to upload the following items to the online application.

1. Essay statement. Each applicant must submit a "Reasons for Study" essay. Applicants are encouraged to review the information on our website, talk with our alumni and current students, and interact with members of the faculty and staff. Applicants should address the following in an essay that does not exceed three pages (single or double spaced.)

- a. What are your primary career goals and professional gaps you have identified as important for your intellectual and professional advancement over the next 5-10 years?
 - b. In what ways will these professional gaps be addressed through a doctoral program at UW-Madison?
 - c. Describe at least one research topic and/or project you plan to work on during your doctoral program.
 - d. As you will note, the program is interested in developing and maintaining a diverse and engaged learning community. Please identify any unique or special contributions you will bring to this community.
2. Unofficial transcripts. Official transcripts will be requested prior to Graduate School admission.
 3. Resume or CV.
 4. Three letters of recommendation. Recommendations from three (3) people who are qualified to evaluate the academic and professional competence of the applicants are required. When completing the online application, submit the names and emails of those requesting recommendation from; recommendations are sent electronically to your application.
 5. Supporting document if required. Applicants who earned an undergraduate GPA below 3.00 or a graduate GPA below 3.5 should provide additional explanation/documentation to support their admission. In statement, explain why GPA does not accurately reflect high potential to serve in leadership roles.

International degree-seeking applicants must prove English proficiency using the Graduate School's requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>).

Essay Statement

A "strong" essay is characterized by:

- A clear, thorough, well-organized essay that expresses ideas in a detailed and engaging manner.
- Addresses all components of the instructions.
- Paragraphs signal the divisions of thought and sentences flow with ideas in a logical sequence.
- No (or very few) noticeable errors in composition.
- The articulation of clear scholarly interests that are consistent with the department's mission and that may expand knowledge within the field.

A "satisfactory" essay is characterized by:

- A detailed, well-organized essay.
- Addresses all components of the instructions.
- Paragraphs signal the major divisions of thought and sequence.
- Few errors in composition.
- The articulation of scholarly interests that are consistent with the department's mission.

A "weak" essay is characterized by:

- A well-organized but insufficiently detailed essay.
- Addresses some, but not all, of the components of the instructions.
- Paragraphs do not contain main topics.
- A distracting number of errors in composition or spelling (i.e., more than two or three per page).
- No articulation of scholarly interests.