Field of Critical Policy, Equity and Leadership Studies

The MA in Education Studies in the field of Critical Policy, Equity and Leadership Studies combines three important topics in education today to explore how they act separately and together to affect educational outcomes for everyone. Students consider the key issues and current debates in areas such as Aboriginal education, critical policy in education, equity, gender and queer studies and educational leadership.

Under the supervision and guidance of world-class faculty, students complete a range of small lectures, projects and thesis work, and gain strong foundational knowledge, theory and research methodology skills that help them advance in academic or professional careers in education.
Why Western Education’s MA?

Conduct leading-edge research alongside industry experts.

Cultivate expert knowledge in your chosen field of study.

Access program office, research office and funding supports.

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This onsite, intensive program is designed for those who wish to:

- understand intersections between policy, equity and leadership
- work with faculty doing impactful research in the field
- develop and apply specialized knowledge and research skills
- progress in academic or professional roles in education

**Collaborate with expert faculty who are interested in a variety of contemporary practices and contexts**

Working with respected faculty and like-minded aspiring leaders, discover the foundational concepts, theories, latest research and methods that contribute to policy, equity and leadership breakthroughs.

**Gain a fresh perspective on three important areas in education while developing specialized knowledge and research skills to make a difference in your area of interest**

Develop the breadth and depth of knowledge needed to find your area of interest and contribute in a meaningful way to that field.

**Lead your own exciting research with encouragement and guidance from faculty, staff and peers**

Put your new skills into practice and help advance your own expertise in critical policy, equity, and leadership studies by completing a robust, well-supported thesis project.

**Course Titles**

- Social Context of Education
- Introduction to Educational Research
- Plus Four of Five Recommended Courses
- Critical Policy Studies in Education
- Equity & Social Justice in Education
- Graduate Seminar in Leadership
- Globalization and Education
- Indigeneity and (De)colonizing Research

**Admission Requirements**

- A four-year degree (20 full courses or equivalent) from an accredited university
- Minimum "B" standing (70%) or equivalent in the final two years of study

Recommended:

- Honours degree
- A qualification leading to certification as a teacher (e.g., BEd)
- Minimum one year of teaching experience, or experience within the field of education

Notes & Exceptions:

- Bachelor of Education and Additional Qualification course grades are not used in calculating admission averages (see more online)

**Learn More**

Interested applicants are encouraged to learn more by visiting our website, calling the program office or emailing questions to the address below. We look forward to hearing from you.