Requirements for Admission

The admission requirements for Niagara University’s Ph.D. program in leadership and policy are as follows:

I. Master's degree from an accredited college or university.
II. Two years post-master's professional work experience.
III. GPA of 3.50 on a 4.00 scale.
IV. Scores at or above the 50 percent level on one of the following standardized assessments:
   - Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
   - Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)
   - Law School Admissions Test (LSAT)

The above testing requirements may be substituted by the dean of the College of Education under special circumstances.

V. A professional writing sample consisting of one of the following:
   - Single-author, refereed journal article or single-author conference paper.
   - Critical review of a book, article, video, etc. (750 words or more).
   - Chapter of a graduate thesis or representative paper from a graduate class.

VI. Curriculum vitae or professional resume.

VII. A goal statement of at least 500 words that answers the question: “How will this doctoral program in leadership and policy address my future professional goals?”

VIII. Personal interview: If distance is an issue, a phone or Skype type Internet interview may substitute.

IX. Three letters of professional recommendation.

X. Foreign applicants must submit the results of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

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Courses

Leadership and Policy Core
(30 credit hours)

There are seven required content courses (21 credits) in the leadership and policy core:

- ADS 710 Organizational Theory, Development and Strategic Change
- ADS 720 Process, Politics and Evaluation of Public and Social Policy
- ADS 730 Organizational Assessment and Accountability
- ADS 740 Leadership in a Global Society
- ADS 750 Diversity in Organizations
- ADS 760 Ethical Practices in Leadership and Policy
- ADS 770 Economic and Financial Policy Leadership in a Global Society

Candidates are able to select three additional graduate courses (nine credit hours) in their respective concentration field of study.

Research Core
(30 credit hours)

There are six required research courses (18 credits) and three required dissertation courses (nine credits) in the research study core. A total of nine ADS research core courses are required (27 credits):

- ADS 805 Research and Statistics
- ADS 807 Geographical Information Systems and Research
- ADS 810 Research Seminar
- ADS 820 Advanced Quantitative Research
- ADS 830 Advanced Qualitative Research
- ADS 840 Doctoral Seminar
- ADS 850 Dissertation
- ADS 852 Dissertation
- ADS 855 Dissertation

Candidates are able to select one additional graduate course related to their dissertation topic (three credit hours) as a research study core elective.

Application Timelines for 2011 Fall Semester Cohort

April 1, 2011 — Application deadline for admission to fall 2011 semester
May 1, 2011— Candidates notified of admission decision
Fall 2011 — Ph.D. cohort begins classes on campus

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