

**EDST 554: Administration and Policy**  
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**Course Description**

This course will look at different theories for defining and understanding policy. Policy is often portrayed as linear, yet it is a messy process full of intrigue, politics, power and competing policy actors. Students will examine how policy has real impacts on what happens in classrooms. Guest speakers who have either held senior policy making roles or acted as advocates for policies will speak to the class about ways they engaged in policy debates.

**Course Goals**

EADM 554 will help students:

1. To apply theoretical understandings to creating or researching a particular policy;
2. To explore relevant and current educational policy debates;
3. To better analyze and articulate policy issues;
4. To examine alternative interpretations of policy;
5. To understand the connection between politics and policy and the competing interests involved in the educational policy arena;
6. To develop a critical understanding of the complex ethical issues associated with educational policy.