

EDU 507: Law, Policy and Ethical Decision-Making

EDU 507 introduces a critical and pragmatic examination of leadership through key legal and policy contexts that govern daily and long-range ethical decision-making by educational leaders. The course examines the law and policies that govern educational organizations in relation to the cultural, social, economic, and political standards embodied in state and federal codes, case law, and the policies that educational leaders encounter in their day-to-day work.

Addressing the following seminal questions, the course takes a two-pronged approach of law and the policies it produces framed by the ethical educational leader: Who has a right to influence schools and education? How do policies and laws impact educational institutions? How should we think about school success and opportunity in a global society? What is the pragmatic stance for the ethical school leader with educational policy? Through these questions, the class will see how law and policy development has been undergirded by the relationship between a leader's values and decision-making.

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