

**University of Washington Bothell
School of Educational Studies
Tuition Exemption Policy – Revised 1/1/26**

Purpose

The School of Educational Studies (SES) faculty has identified a need to exempt certain courses from tuition exemption enrollment based on the faculty and staff effort in supporting individual students in those courses, and in order to maintain academic excellence and fiscal viability. These courses are designed in such a way as to require significant staff and faculty support outside of the classroom setting, including support from areas other than SES.

Policy: Tuition Exemption Authority

Authority is granted for the University of Washington Tuition Exemption Program under RCW 28B.15.558. This policy provides UW employees and other state employees with the opportunity to have tuition waived for up to 6 credits per quarter on a “space available” basis. The policy further recognizes that certain courses are not covered by tuition exemption including fee-based courses, early start courses, graduate-level independent study courses, thesis, dissertation, research internships, tutorials, culminating projects, or practicums.

SES courses not available for enrollment under the Tuition Exemption Program

Beginning Autumn 2026, the following SES courses will not be eligible for tuition-exemption enrollment:

B EDUC 392 – Independent Study

B EDUC 401 – Study Abroad:
Education

B EDUC 406 – Introduction to Field
Placement

B EDUC 408 – Knowing, Teaching and
Assessing in Multicultural Education
and Social Studies

B EDUC 409 – Knowing, Teaching and
Assessing in: Reading, Writing and
Communicating

B EDUC 410 – Knowing, Teaching and
Assessing in: Reading, Writing and
Communicating

B EDUC 418 – Knowing, Teaching and
Assessing in Intermediate Level
Mathematics

B EDUC 419 – Knowing, Teaching and
Assessing in Mathematics

B EDUC 421 – Knowing, Teaching,
and Assessing in: Earth, Physical, and
Life Sciences

B EDUC 423 – Knowing, Teaching and
Assessing in Health, Fitness and Issues
of Abuse

B EDUC 425 – Reflections on
Professional Practice Seminar

B EDUC 435 – Student Teaching

B EDUC 500 – Foundations of Critical
Race Theory in Higher Education

B EDUC 501 – Inquiry in Education

B EDUC 502 – Identity and Reflective
Practice

B EDUC 504 – Enacting Agency for
Social Justice

B EDUC 515 – Racism in Higher
Education

B EDUC 529 – Community-Based
Fieldwork

B EDUC 543 – Practicum for ELL or
TESOL

B EDUC 592 – Independent Study

The following Leadership Development for Educators (LEDE) courses that comprise the LEDE Certification and M.Ed. concentration are also not eligible for Tuition Exemption registration.

B EDUC 501 – Inquiry in Education

B EDUC 502 – Identity and Reflective Practice

B EDUC 504 – Enacting Agency for Social Justice

B EDUC 529 – Community-Based Fieldwork

LEDE 540 – Leading Schools as Continuously Renewing Organizations

LEDE 550 – Leading Inclusive School Communities

LEDE 560 – Leadership for Student Services

LEDE 591 – Topics in Educational Leadership

Students will be allowed to use their tuition exemption to enroll in SES courses other than those listed above, according to the University of Washington Tuition Exemption Program rules based on RCW 28B.15.558.

Rationale

SES coursework at the University of Washington Bothell is often used as a professional development opportunity for those in the field of Education. Many of the individuals who benefit from this academic experience work within a public education institution. The SES faculty strongly believe that serving this population is an integral part of the program mandate. Therefore, the graduate recruiting and admissions processes in the Master of Education degree program do not take eligibility for tuition exemption into consideration when admitting students into the program.

However, in order to maintain academic program quality and the constraints imposed by fiscal and enrollment constraints, staff and faculty workloads, and available space, the above courses will not be made available for enrollment under the Tuition Exemption Program.

Registration Procedures

In order to register using tuition exemption, students should carefully follow the steps to apply outlined on the [UW Bothell Office of the Registrar Tuition Exemption webpage](#). Questions regarding the procedure are to be directed to the UW Bothell Registrar.

Procedures and Responsible Organization

The Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs is responsible for the content of this policy. Changes will be authorized through final approval of the Chancellor. Students with questions or comments about this policy should contact the Office of the Registrar. A review of the policy will be conducted on a biennial basis.

References

This policy complies with the guidelines as found in:

[UWB Office of the Registrar](#)

[RCW 28B.15.558](#)

[WAC 478-161](#)

[UW Administrative Policy Statement 22.1](#)

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