

DOCTORAL STUDIES (DOC)

DOC 7000 Professional Ethics 3 credits

This course examines ethical and sociocultural issues that doctoral students will face during their training and professional practice, emphasizing conceptual frameworks needed to articulate concerns and engage in meaningful dialogue with others. Topics include the application of ethical program leadership, legal issues, evaluation, and planning.

DOC 7100 Research Methods 3 credits

This course explores important practical considerations for applying research methods across diverse fields. Emphasis is placed on effectively accessing, interpreting, and utilizing research in professional and academic settings. The course aims to equip doctoral students with a variety of research techniques, and the skills necessary to conduct research and contribute meaningfully to their respective disciplines.

DOC 7200 Quantitative and Qualitative Research 3 credits

This course provides doctoral students from diverse disciplines with an understanding of how data is collected, analyzed, and used in various epistemological, ontological, and methodological contexts within research. Students will explore each approach's philosophical underpinnings, practical applications, and ethical considerations. The course emphasizes developing skills necessary to effectively design, implement, and analyze research studies. This course equips doctoral candidates with the versatility and critical thinking skills needed to navigate the complexities of modern research.

DOC 7300 Action Research 3 credits

This course provides an overview of action research methods to solve problems of practice. Students examine unique and emerging proactive and responsive action research that generates knowledge and results in practical outcomes for participants.

DOC 7410 Seminar 1: Drafting the Dissertation Introduction 1 credit

This course focuses on student progress on their dissertation through the selection of the dissertation topic and type, the assigning of a dissertation chair, and drafting and receiving feedback on Chapter 1: Introduction.

DOC 7420 Seminar 2: Drafting the Dissertation Literature Review 1 credit

This course focuses on student progress on their dissertation through the assigning of dissertation committee members and drafting and receiving feedback on Chapter 2: Literature Review.

DOC 7430 Seminar 3: Drafting the Dissertation Methodology 1 credit

This course focuses on student progress on their dissertation through the drafting and receiving feedback on Chapter 3: Methodology.

DOC 7440 Seminar 4: Finalizing the Dissertation Proposal Manuscript 1 credit

This course focuses on student progress on their dissertation through completing the dissertation proposal manuscript.

DOC 7500 Data Analysis 3 credits

This course delves into data analysis techniques, integrating both quantitative and qualitative methodologies. Students will develop skills within theoretical foundations, practical application, critical analysis, and data visualization and interpretation, with particular emphasis on data analysis techniques for their dissertation.

DOC 7900 Dissertation 0-12 credits

The completion of the Ed.D. dissertation requires a scholarly mindset involving ongoing evaluation, analysis, and synthesis of previous, relevant research as well as one's own work, under the guidance of a dissertation chair and committee. This course provides students the opportunity to explore an important problem that warrants investigation due to its centrality to issues of practice and application.

DOC 8000 Dissertation 0-12 credits

The Ph.D. dissertation is an independent, scholarly work of research completed by the doctoral candidate, under the guidance of a dissertation chair and committee. This course provides students the opportunity to create knowledge and/or test a theory through the demonstration of scientific inquiry, investigative skills, methodological and analysis skills, scientific writing and presentation skills, and ethical behavior.