

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2024 through Spring 2025

General Requirements
Minimum Total Hours ..... 90

Program
Educational Studies
D330
Doctor of Philosophy

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Foundational Core (9 hours minimum)</b>		
<i>Interdisciplinary Educational Studies or Philosophy of Education</i>		
Choose one of the following courses:		3
EDS 5003	School and Society	
EDS 5033		
EDS 5753		
EDS 5783	Classics in Educational Thought	
<i>History of Education</i>		
EDS 5943	History of Race and Education in Oklahoma	3
or EDS 6793	History of U.S. Education	
<i>Sociology of Education</i>		
EDS 5703	Sociology of Education	3
or EDS 5913	Latinas/os and Education	
<b>Major Coursework (12 hours minimum)</b>		
12 hours (minimum) in one of the following areas: Interdisciplinary Educational Studies (with a specified topical focus), Philosophy of Education, History of Education, Sociology of Education. <sup>1</sup>		12
<b>Minor Coursework (9 hours)</b>		
9 hours minimum in any field(s) (such as an applied, disciplinary, or interdisciplinary specialty) directly relevant to the topical focus of the major and of the dissertation. <sup>2</sup>		9
<b>Research Proficiencies</b>		
<i>Approaches to Educational Inquiry (9 hours, minimum)</i>		
Choose at least 3 courses from the following: <sup>3</sup>		9
EDS 5023	Linguistic and Conceptual Analysis	
EIPT 5033	Introduction to Research and Evaluation in Education	
EDS 6010	Writing Educational Inquiry	
EDS 6723	Race and Representation in Educational Research	
EDS 6933	Naturalistic and Qualitative Research in Education	
EDS 6970	Post-Master's Seminar (Topic: Pro-Seminar)	
EDS 6970	Post-Master's Seminar (topic: Advanced Qualitative Inquiry in Education)	
EDS 6973	Historical Research Methods in Education	
<i>Plans for Dissertation Inquiry (3 hours, minimum)</i>		
EDAH/EACS 6970	Post-Master's Seminar (with topic: Prospectus Development)	3
or EDS 6033	Inquiry Design	
<b>Dissertation Research (6 hours minimum, 15 hours maximum)</b>		
EDS 6980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation	6-15
<b>Additional Coursework</b>		
Remaining graduate-level hours to bring degree total to 90. May include master's credit, additional electives or other coursework.		33-42
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>90</b>

The doctoral degree requires at least 90 post-baccalaureate hours, including both formal coursework and hours of research.

The minimum hour requirement for a specific doctoral degree program cannot be waived.

No more than one-half of the credit hours, both OU and overall, excluding Research for Doctoral Dissertation (6980), may be S/U-graded coursework.

The student must be in residence at OU for at least two consecutive 16-week semesters during the pursuit of the doctoral degree while enrolled and engaged in coursework or research activities as prescribed by the major academic unit.

For more detailed regulations and requirements for Doctoral degrees, please consult the Graduate College Bulletin: <http://www.ou.edu/gradcollege/forms/bulletin>

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/rainbolt-education/educational-leadership-policy-studies/educational-studies-doctor-philosophy/>).

<sup>1</sup> At least 9 hours of the Major must consist of EDS courses, but neither Foundational Core coursework nor Research Proficiencies coursework may count toward the Major.

<sup>2</sup> Neither Foundational Core coursework nor Research Proficiencies coursework may count toward the Minor. Students are encouraged to complete their minor outside of Educational Studies.

<sup>3</sup> When deemed appropriate to the dissertation by the Advisory Committee, a student may substitute for one of these courses a more appropriate research course from any of the following academic units: Anthropology, Communication, Educational Psychology, English, Fine Arts, History, Philosophy, Political Science, or Sociology.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES**

A student should expect to spend at least the equivalent of three full academic years beyond the bachelor's degree to obtain the doctoral degree. During this period the student will take appropriate graduate coursework, successfully complete the general examination, and successfully defend and submit the final dissertation.

All coursework applied to the doctoral degree must carry graduate credit.