

**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
Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum D545 Doctor of Philosophy

**Minimum Total Hours:** 90

**Program Code:** D545

## Program Requirements

Students pursuing a Ph.D. in Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum must choose a concentration from the following:

- Bilingual Education (concentration code: R056)
- Biomedical Education<sup>1</sup> (concentration code: R065)
- Early Childhood Education (concentration code: R191)
- Elementary Education (concentration code: R221)
- English Education (concentration code: R236)
- Instructional Leadership<sup>2</sup> (concentration code: R361)
- Mathematics Education (concentration code: R441)
- Reading Education (concentration code: R566)
- Science Education (concentration code: R591)
- Secondary Education (concentration code: R601)
- Social Studies Education (concentration code: R616)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core (minimum 24 hours)</b>		
ILAC 6013	Proseminar in Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum	3
ILAC 6023	Theoretical Issues in Instructional Leadership	3
ILAC 6003	Curriculum Theory	3
ILAC 6233	Implications of Diversity	3
Research Methodologies - Courses are selected based on the requirements of a specific area of concentration and students' interests and goals, as approved by the doctoral committee and the Graduate Liaison. (May be partially satisfied through prior coursework.)		12
<b>Concentration (minimum 36 hours)</b>		
For all concentrations, courses are selected based on the requirements of the specific plan of study and students' professional interests and goals, as approved by the advisor and doctoral committee.		36
<b>Electives (12 hour maximum)</b>		
Courses will be selected based on the students' professional interests and goals, as approved by the advisor and doctoral committee.		12
<b>Dissertation (9-12 hours)</b>		
ILAC 6980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation	9-12
<b>Additional Hours</b>		
Additional coursework as needed to reach 90 post-baccalaureate hours, as approved by the advisor and doctoral committee.		0-9
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>90</b>

- <sup>1</sup> The Biomedical Education concentration is comprised of a 36 hour concentration in medicine as approved by ILAC in consultation with OU HSC faculty:  
 20 hours minimum in Anatomy or other coursework as approved by the faculty advisor and Graduate Liaison.  
 10 hours Teaching Practicum.  
 6 hours additional coursework in research or other coursework as approved by the faculty advisor and Graduate Liaison.
- <sup>2</sup> For the Instructional Leadership area of concentration the 36 concentration hours must include a minimum of 9 hours in ILAC taken after the master's degree (not including dissertation hours). The remaining hours may be in related educational fields or academic disciplines.

## 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.
- 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/instructional-leadership-academic-curriculum/instructional-leadership-academic-curriculum-doctor-philosophy/>).