



**COURSE PROGRAM STRUCTURE/STUDENT CHECKLIST**

**PROGRAM OF STUDY:**  Doctor of Philosophy (PHD) – Education  PhD- Educational Leadership & Management  PhD – Human Development, Learning and Culture

Students enrolled in Accelerated semesters option can complete their degree in 2 – 3 years by enrolling in 4 academic semesters during the year (Year 1 and year 2 academic requirements can be completed in 1 year – see structure below). Students enrolled in the standard semester’s option can complete their degree in 3 – 4 years or more but not more than 6 years. **Note: Most students in the accelerated semesters option complete the doctoral program in 2 ½ years.**

<b>DOCTORAL (PHD) PROGRAM – FIRST YEAR</b>			
<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit(s)</b>	<b>Grade</b>
DOC 800	Introduction to Doctoral Studies	1	
DOC 805	Research Methods – Design & Analysis	3	
DOC 810	Specialized Topic 1 in Students Area of Study	9	
DOC 830	Quantitative Research	3	
DOC 865	Specialized Topic IV in Students Area of Study	9	
<b>Total</b>		<b>25</b>	

<b>DOCTORAL (PHD) PROGRAM – EDUCATION</b>			
<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit(s)</b>	<b>Grade</b>
EDU 6060	Applied Doctoral Studies in Education	6	
EDU 6065	Creativity and Innovation	6	
EDU 6070	Education Law	6	
EDU 6075	U.S. and International Education	6	
EDU 6080	Secondary & Higher Education Leadership	6	
EDU 6085	Digital Age Learning & Educational Technology	6	
EDU 6086	Education Internship/Practicum	6	

<b>DOCTORAL (PHD) PROGRAM – SECOND YEAR</b>			
<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit(s)</b>	<b>Grade</b>
DOC 825	Qualitative Research	3	
DOC 865	Specialized Topic II in Students Area of Study	9	
DOC 835	Strategic Planning; Team Coordination, Cooperation and Collaboration	3	
DOC 870	Specialized Topic III in Students Area of Study	9	
<b>Total</b>		<b>24</b>	

<b>DOCTORAL (PHD) PROGRAM – EL&amp;M</b>			
<b>Third year Students may elect to take any of the courses below or take additional courses from the courses listed below. Interested students should confer with their mentors before making such decision.</b>			
<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit(s)</b>	<b>Grade</b>
ELM 6088	Applied Doctoral Studies in Educational Leadership & Management	6	
ELM 6090	Entrepreneurship in Educational Leadership	6	
ELM 6095	Decision Making in Educational Leadership	6	
ELM 7000	Organizational Finance in Management	6	
ELM 7005	Partnerships in Educational Organization	6	
ELM 7010	Curriculum and Development	6	
ELM 7030	Conflict Resolution and Mediation	6	
ELM 7035	Educational Leadership Theories	6	
ELM 7040	PK-12 Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment	6	
ELM 7045	Innovation for Change in Educational Organizations	6	

**Note:** The University encourages students to engage in their third year in a capstone learning experience: advanced seminars, clinical practice, and writing projects that call on students to use the full extent of their knowledge, skills, and methodological tools in a field to address the most interesting and complicated legal problems of today.

**DOCTORAL (PHD) PROGRAM – THIRD YEAR**

Course No.	Course	Credit(s)	Grade
DOC 840	Teaching/Training	1	
DOC 885	Advanced Specialized Topics in the Students' area of Study	4	
<b>Total</b>		<b>5</b>	

**DOCTORAL (PHD) PROGRAM – FOURTH YEAR**

Course No.	Course	Credit(s)	Grade
DOC 845	Independent Field Study/Practicum	1	
DOC 890	Advanced Specialized Topics in the Students' area of Study	5	
DOC 000	Concept Paper	0	
DOC 895	Dissertation Proposal	3	
DOC 900	Dissertation (Final Chapters/Defense)	12	
<b>Total</b>		<b>21</b>	

**DOCTORAL (PHD) PROGRAM – HD/L/C**

Third year Students may elect to take any of the courses below or take additional courses from the courses listed below. Interested students should confer with their mentors before making such decision.

Course No.	Course	Credit(s)	Grade
HDL 6088	Applied Doctoral Studies in Human Development, Learning, & Culture	6	
HDL 6090	Leadership for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice	6	
HDL 6095	Leadership Development in Higher Learning	6	
HDL 7000	Leadership Ethics to Attain Organizational Excellence	6	
HDL 7005	Policy Development & Implementation in PK-12 and Higher Education	6	
HDL 7010	Leadership, Law, and Finance in Special Education	6	
HDL 7030	Comprehensive Planning for SEL Initiatives	6	
HDL 7035	Trauma-Informed Educational Practices within Community Contexts and Conditions	6	
HDL 7040	Leadership Paradigms in Safety, Security, and Emergency Management	6	
HDL 7045	Finance and Budgeting in Educational Organizations	6	