Higher Education Program
Degree Requirements: Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

Graduate study in higher education prepares individuals for careers in administration and leadership in public and private two-year colleges, four-year institutions, and universities. Graduates work in a variety of service, research, and teaching programs in education agencies and organizations throughout the United States and abroad. Their careers offer the satisfaction of serving human needs and realizing valued societal goals. Graduate study in higher education can also improve opportunities for advancement and mobility as well as offer intrinsic rewards that stimulate productivity, enhance expertise, and renew motivation.

The Ed.D. student will demonstrate knowledge of policy and practice through the conduct of systematic inquiry in a defined arena of higher education, the development of an evaluation strategy based upon a clear understanding of current practice and professional standards, and the application of cultural and contextual variables to the unique institutional setting in which the inquiry is to occur.

The Ed.D. student will demonstrate knowledge of policy and practice through the conduct of systematic inquiry in a defined arena of higher education. Students will learn to develop evaluation strategies based upon a clear understanding of current practice and professional standards. The student will learn to apply economic, governmental, historical, institutional, and sociocultural contexts to the setting in which their inquiry and practice is to occur.

The **Ed.D. requires:**

- Minimum of 57 semester hours of coursework beyond the master’s degree and 24 hours of dissertation credit.
- The minimum of 57 semester hours must include:
  - 21 hours of core courses
  - 18 hours of research courses
  - 12 hours of higher education foundations courses
  - 6 hours of higher education or related electives courses
  - + 24 dissertation hours
  - 3.00 minimum GPA
- Doctoral Residency
  - Residency credits must be earned by each student after being admitted to a doctoral program. Residency is a University requirement; it is enforced by the Dean of Graduate Studies without exception. After completing 30 credit hours, a Ph.D. student must be continuously enrolled on the Tallahassee campus for a minimum of 24 graduate semester hours of credit in any period of 12 consecutive months. The University permits residency credits to be earned at *any time* during the period of matriculation for the doctoral degree.
## Ed.D. Program of Study

**Higher Education Core (21 hours)**
- EDH 5051 Higher Education in America (3)
- EDH 5405 Legal Aspects of College and University Administration (3)
- EDH 5506 College and University Business Administration (3)
- EDH 5639 Strategic Management in Higher Education (3)
- EDH 6505 Finance of Higher Education (3)
- EDH 6635 Organization and Governance (3)
- EDH 6936 Seminar in Student Development Theories (3)

**Higher Education Foundations (12 hours)**
- EDH 6067 International Perspectives in Higher Education (3)
- EDH 6081 Leading Change in Higher Education (3)
- EDH 6085 Social Justice in Higher Education (3)
- EDH 6401 Public Policy in Higher Education (3)

**Research Core (18 hours)**
- EDF 5935 Introduction to Statistics for Education Research (3)
- EDF 6475 Qualitative Methods of Education (3)
- EDF 5461 Introduction to Program Evaluation (3)
- EDH 5068 Outcomes of Undergraduate Education (3)
- EDA 6930 Literature Review (or EDH 6935 Prospectus Development) (3)

**Higher Education or Related Electives (6 hours)**

**Dissertation (24 hours)**
- EDH 8964 Preliminary Examination (0) (Spring, Summer)
- EDH 6980 Dissertation Hours (24)
- EDH 9985 Dissertation Defense (0)

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1 Scheduled semester may vary. Check department listings.