HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

Doctoral students are required to complete 72 credits, including 12 credits of EDHD899. Students can specialize in either Educational Psychology or Developmental Science, and must complete an Independent Emprical Research Project as well as The Doctoral Comprehensive Knowledge Portfolio.

Courses in biological, social, and cognitive development and in intermediate statistics and research methods are required. Students also receive credit for research experiences. Slight modifications of these requirements characterize the Specializations in Educational Psychology and Developmental Sciences.

Advance to Candidacy: In addition to coursework requirements, students must complete an independent empirical research project as well as successfully complete a comprehensive examination portfolio.

Post-Candidacy: Students must complete at least 12 credits of 899 Doctoral Dissertation Research and successfully defend and submit an original dissertation.

Course	Title	Credits
Required courses		
EDMS646		3
EDMS651		3
EDMS elective		3
EDHD780	Research Methods in Human Development	3
EDHD888	Apprenticeship in Human Development Research	3-12
Dissertation Research Requirement		
EDHD899	Doctoral Dissertation Research	12
Core Electives (Choose three from the following courses)		**9**
EDHD720	Social Development and Socialization Processes	
EDHD721	Cognitive Development and Learning: An Introduction	
EDHD760	Advanced Educational Psychology	
EDHD775	Human Development and Neuroscience	
Select one of the specializations below		
Educational Psychology		
EDHD835	The Development of Achievement Motivation	
Electives		
Developmental Science		
EDHD690	Theoretical Foundations of Human Development	
Electives		

Any EDHD course of 600-level or higher is automatically eligible to be counted as an EDHD elective course. Any EDMS course of 600-level or higher is automatically eligible to be counted as a non-EDHD elective course. Any other 600-level or higher courses must be approved by the program's DGS.

Students taking more than 4 years to finish can reserve dissertation credits for their final year, and take additional EDHD898 credits.