Doctor of Philosophy
Education

**Degree Program**
A minimum of 90 credit hours after the baccalaureate degree is required.

- **Coursework:** Consists of 12 hours of Foundations, 15-18 hours of Research Methods, six hours of Foreign Language Proficiency or Other Research Tools, 21-27 hours in the Emphasis Area, 12-15 hours in related courses, and a required exit course, EDUC 7950 The Research Process II)
- **Research Internship:** six to nine credit hours.
- **Dissertation:** 12 hours. All students must defend orally a written dissertation proposal to their dissertation committee. A dissertation embodying the results of original research must be accepted by the faculty and the Graduate School.

**Emphasis Areas and Websites**

- Teaching-Learning Processes: [https://www.umsl.edu/education/degrees-programs/phd-teaching-learning.html](https://www.umsl.edu/education/degrees-programs/phd-teaching-learning.html)
- Educational Leadership and Policy Studies: [https://www.umsl.edu/education/degrees-programs/phd-educational-leadership.html](https://www.umsl.edu/education/degrees-programs/phd-educational-leadership.html)
- Educational Psychology: [https://www.umsl.edu/degrees/doctorate/phd-education-ed-psych.html](https://www.umsl.edu/degrees/doctorate/phd-education-ed-psych.html)
- Counseling: [https://www.umsl.edu/degrees/doctorate/phd-education-counseling.html](https://www.umsl.edu/degrees/doctorate/phd-education-counseling.html)

**Application Requirements**

1. **Application** - [http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now](http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now)
2. Three letters of recommendation
   - Minimum of two from individuals with a doctorate, preferably prior graduate faculty
3. **Official transcripts from all universities attended**
   - Applicants must have at least a baccalaureate degree at the time they begin the program.
4. **Entrance examinations**
   - Acceptable scores on Graduate Record Examination ([http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html](http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html)).
   - International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
   - The GRE is optional for the Counseling PhD track.
5. An original essay
   - Please submit an essay that shows your ability to write as well as your rationale for seeking admission to a PhD program in your emphasis area.
6. **Grade Point Average - Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale.**
7. **Professional resume**
   - Please document at least two years of teaching or other school service.

**Application Deadline:** November 1st to enter the following fall.

**Application Fee**
$50 for domestic applicants; $40 for international applicants

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