**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)
   Counseling- Complete Supplemental Requirements: [https://www.umsl.edu/gradschool/files/phd-counseling---checklist-for-application-to-the-doctoral-program.pdf](https://www.umsl.edu/gradschool/files/phd-counseling---checklist-for-application-to-the-doctoral-program.pdf)
2. Three letters of recommendation
   a. Minimum of two from individuals with a doctorate, preferably prior graduate faculty
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended
   a. Applicants must have at least a baccalaureate degree at the time they begin the program.
4. Entrance examinations
   a. Acceptable scores on Graduate Record Examination ([http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html](http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html)).
   b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
   c. The GRE is optional for the Counseling PhD track.
5. An original essay
   a. 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
   a. 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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