

## 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>
- Educational Leadership and Policy Studies: <https://www.umsl.edu/education/degrees-programs/phd-educational-leadership.html>
- Educational Psychology: <https://www.umsl.edu/degrees/doctorate/phd-education-ed-psych.html>
- Counseling: <https://www.umsl.edu/degrees/doctorate/phd-education-counseling.html>

### Application Requirements

1. Application - <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>
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>).
  - 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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