

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POLICY STUDIES (ELPS) DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) SCHEDULE OF COURSES

The course work plan must be completed with the student's signature, advisor's signature, and submitted to the Academic Services Associate by the end of the first quarter of enrollment.

Name _____

Student ID _____

Quarter	Course Title	Course Number & Credits	Content Area	Substitution Course Title & Number	Instructor	Credits
YEAR ONE						
Summer	Structural Foundations of Research	RMS 4940 3 credits	Research			
	Special Topics: Research in Educational Leadership*	ADMN 4700 1 credit	Doctoral Research			
Fall	Foundations of Ed. History & Philosophy	ADMN 4827 4 credits	Program Area			
	Introductory Statistics**	RMS 4910 4 credits	Research			
Winter	Organizational Theory & Behavior	ADMN 4819 4 credits	Program Area			
	Introduction to Qualitative Research	RMS 4941 4 credits	Research			
Spring	Educational Policy Making in the US	ADMN 4823 4 credits	Program Area			

	Advanced Inquiry and Analysis***	ADMN 4900 4 credits	Research			
Summer	Improvement Science	ADMN 4821 4 credits	Research			

Quarter	Course Title	Course Number & Credits	Content Area	Substitution Course Title & Number	Instructor	Credits
YEAR TWO						
Fall	Education Program Evaluation	ADMN 4820 4 credits	Research			
	Leading Teaching and Learning	ADMN 4835 4 credits	Program Area			
Winter	Critical Policy Analysis for Educational Systems	ADMN 4844 4 credits	Research			
	Perspectives in District Leadership	ADMN 4812 4 credits	Program Area			
Spring	Improving Organizational Culture	ADMN 4836 4 credits	Program Area			

	Action Research for Systems Leadership	ADMN 4822 4 credits	Research			
--	--	---------------------------	----------	--	--	--

Subtotal = 55 Credits

* Credit is counted in dissertation research hours below.
 ** A research course that a student may test out of or have waived.
 *** This course counts as a foundational course and an intermediate research course. However, the four credits can only be counted once for one or the other. PhD students must pick up another cognate course to meet research and cognate credit hour requirements.

YEAR THREE

Student designs third year of study in consultation with advisor.

[Click here for attached course options as of Spring 2023](#)

REQUIRED: Three intermediate and/or advanced research methods courses and/or RMS Special

Course Title	Course Number	Date Completed	Credit Hours
Total additional research hours			

REQUIRED: Cognate Area Courses (DU Leadership Prep Programs MAY be counted in some circumstances)

Course Title	Course Number	Date Completed	Credit Hours
Total additional cognate hours			
Total hours, year three (Research + Cognate Hours) = minimum 25 credits			

Doctoral Research Hours

Course Title	Course Number + Credits	Quarter Taken	Instructor
Special Topics: Research in Educational Leadership	ADMN 4700 1 credit		
Doctoral Research Design	ADMN 5900 3 credits		
Doctoral Seminar ** PhD students should take this 2-credit course two times and additional times if needed during the dissertation writing stage	ADMN 5993 4 credits		
Independent Research*	ADMN 5995 1-2 credits		

*To maintain degree candidacy, MCE doctoral students who have finished all required coursework should register for at least one independent research credit (ADMN 5995), doctoral seminar credit (ADMN 5993), or other credit for consecutive terms fall, winter, and spring (summers not required) until the student graduates. Students should consult their advisor to determine how to balance ADMN 5993 and ADMN 5995 credits.

Total required dissertation hours

10 minimum

Optional Internship

(only needed if seeking district level administrator license)

Course Title	Requirement	Course Number	Date Completed	Credit Hours
Administrative Internship	6 hours total required • 50 clock hours per credit • 6 needed if administrator license is sought	ADMN 4817		
		ADMN 4817		
		ADMN 4817		
Total internship hours				6

PhD in Educational Leadership - Summary of Requirements		Credit Hours
Program Area Requirements		24
Foundational and Introductory Research Areas		31
Intermediate/Advanced Research Hours + Cognate Hours		25
Doctoral Research Hours		10 minimum
Total for PhD Degree		90
OPTIONAL: Internship Hours (6 needed if Administrator license is sought)		6
Total coursework hours for this plan		
PhD – Review Benchmarks Required	Date Completed	
Comprehensive Examination		
Dissertation Proposal Defense		
Official Advancement to Candidacy		
IRB (Institutional Review Board) Approval		
Final Dissertation Defense		

Note: Schedules are subject to change; be sure to consult your advisor.

Note: Requests to transfer previously completed credits must be approved by the Office of Graduate Education (OGE) by the end of first quarter of enrollment.

Note: Any course substitutions must have a course substitution form with an advisor's signature and sent to ASA prior to start of quarter. OGE must approve any course substitutions prior to registration.

Student Signature

Date

Advisor Signature

Date