

UMSL | Graduate School

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

- Teaching-Learning Processes
- Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
- Educational Psychology
- Counseling

Program Websites

- https://coe.umsl.edu/mycoe/index.cfm?event=p2_pe:viewProgram&program_id=PhD
- For Counseling emphasis area
 - [Supplemental materials required](#)

Application Requirements

1. Application - <http://www.umsl.edu/gradschool/prospective/apply-now.html>
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.
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

- December 1 (Fall admission only)

Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

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