

# CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION, ED.D.

The Ed.D program in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction is designed to empower school professionals with the tools needed to solve school-based problems and to lead school-wide progress. Instruction focuses on developing scholarly practitioners who can apply existing research insights and design as well as implement research investigations. The Ed.D program prepares graduates for positions in Colleges of Education, especially in departments affiliated with teacher-education, as well as for leadership positions in preK-12 schools and various governmental positions external to schools, such as the Alabama State Department of Education. Various non-profit agencies have also taken an interest in employing graduates who have the skills to oversee effective curriculum development efforts and to exercise leadership in advancing the educational interests of children and adults.

## Overview:

1. Students will take 42 hours minimum in departmental coursework as follows.
  - a. Students choose 12 hours of departmental doctoral core coursework consistent with their primary area of interest from a set of courses offered by the department.
  - b. To include CIE 693 Workshop (3 hours). Required introductory seminar for Curriculum and Instruction doctoral students.
  - c. To include CIE 675 Emergent Multilinguals (3 hours) or another diversity/ESL course.
  - d. Other coursework (24 hours) is related to the student's primary professional area of interest and is identified collaboratively with the doctoral program committee.
2. Students will take 18 hours of support coursework in research including 15 required hours and 3 hours of electives. Required coursework will include: BER 540 Statistical Methods In Educ; BER 631 Inqry As Interp: Qual I; BER 632 Reflect Resist: Qual II; BER 640 Quantitative II; and CIE 620 Design Res Classrm Teach.
3. Students will take 12 hours of humanistic/behavioral support coursework of their choice from a wide range of applicable coursework within the College of Education and the university.
4. Students will take a minimum of 12 hours of dissertation. Dissertation hours can exceed 12 hours as some students carry out research investigations that may take more time to complete than do others. The department allows students to count 6 hours of dissertation credit as part of the program of study (see 1d above).
5. Total coursework will be 72 hours plus a minimum of 12 hours additional dissertation credit equaling a minimum of 84 hours.

The proposed Ed.D. program will require a comprehensive examination when coursework is within six hours or less of completion. The comprehensive examination will be developed and scored by the doctoral program committee, which includes the advisor. Should a student fail the examination, the student will have one more opportunity to take and pass the comprehensive examination. Upon successful completion of the comprehensive examination, the student will identify the doctoral dissertation committee membership, which will include an advisor.

The student will develop the dissertation proposal with input from the committee, present it to the committee for approval, and revise as needed until it is acceptable to the committee. When the dissertation proposal has been deemed as acceptable, the student will carry out the dissertation study and write the dissertation reporting the study and its implications and conclusions. The dissertation report will be presented

and defended at an open meeting in which the dissertation committee will participate and determine what, if any, revisions are needed and whether the dissertation is accepted.

## Current Departmental Doctoral Core Coursework Required 12 hours minimum

	Hours
CIE 605 Tch Prac Across World	3
CIE 606 New Literacies	3
CIE 609 Discourse & Pedagogy	3
CIE 610 Effective Teaching	3
CIE 630 Curric Classroom Teacher	3
CIE 640 Sem Teachr Educ Program	3
CIE 645 Prof Cont: Tching & Lrning Com	3
CIE 660 Cognitive Perspectives	3
CIE 670 Critical Inquiry Curric Pedago	3
CEE 690 or CSE 690 Advanced Seminar	3
CSE 690 or CEE 690 Advanced Seminar	3

## Doctoral Seminar Required

	Hours
CIE 693 Workshop	3

## Required Doctoral Course Required

	Hours
CIE 675 Emergent Multilinguals	3

## Coursework Relevant to Specific Research Area of Interest Required 24 hours minimum

This coursework is available in the department from a wide selection of specialized coursework (see some departmental examples below) but students may also take related content disciplinary coursework in other departments across the university such as history, chemistry, communications, Spanish, or algebraic topology.

	Hours
CIE 644 Student Teach Supervision	3
CIE 621 Writing Academic Pub	3
CIE 656 Sem For Language Eductn Resear	3
CRD 690 Advanced Seminar Crd	1-3
CEE 616 Adv Soc Studies Elem Sch	3
CSE 663 Sec School English	3
CIE 686 Research on Science Teaching	3
CIE 656 Sem For Language Eductn Resear	3

## Research Coursework Required 15 hours & 3 hour elective

	Hours
BER 540 Statistical Methods In Educ	3
BER 631 Inqry As Interp: Qual I	3
BER 632 Reflect Resist: Qual II	3
BER 640 Quantitative II	3
CIE 620 Design Res Classrm Teach	3

## Electives

### Required 3 hours

Suggested Choices:

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BER 603	Survey Research In Educ	3
BER 633	Ethics & Aesthc:Qual III	3
BER 660	Eval I:Theory & Practice	3
BER 665	Mixed Methods Research Design	3
BER 558	Psychometric Theory	3
BER 642	Advanced Regression Methods	3
CEE 695	Practicum	1-12
CSE 695	Practicum	1-12

**Behavioral/Humanistic Coursework** **Hours**

**Required 12 hours minimum**

Examples include:

BEP 665		3
BEP 641	Learning and Cognition	3
BEP 600	Contemp Educ Psych Prob	3
BEP 601	Family, Sch., Community Relat.	3
BEF 641	Studies Social Foundatn Educatn	3
BEF 640	Studies History Of Education	3
BEF 642	Studies Philosophy Education	3

**Dissertation Hours** **Hours**

**Required 12 hours**

CEE 699 or	Dissertation Research	12
CSE 699	Dissertation Research	