

Department of Educational Leadership

Doctoral Advising Information for Administration & Curriculum (A&C) doctoral students

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See also the Graduate School web site, “Academic Resources” link for the Graduate Bulletin and Graduate Handbook for more information.

<http://www.miami.muohio.edu/graduate/>

Recommended Course Sequence for A&C Students

- The 3 core courses should be taken at the beginning of the program. Students who enter the program mid-year should be advised to start their core courses in the Fall, simultaneously with EDL 761.
- EDL 761, Introduction to Doctoral Studies should be taken as the first course or as close to the beginning of the program as possible.
- The two research courses should be *followed* by EDL 775 (usually offered in the Summer)
- 780T should be one of the final courses of the student’s program. At the very least, *all* core courses need to be completed before a student takes 780T.
- Students can take one class after comps—for students taking comps in the Spring, EDL 775 is a good option, as the class works as part of students’ preparation for their dissertation research.
- Courses that count as Advanced Research courses include: 780W (Advanced Qualitative Research), 790I (Inquiry) and independent studies.
- Students can take elective courses across campus if they are at the 500 level or above. The nine-credit graduate sequence in Women’s Studies leads to a Certificate in Women’s Studies.

Some Important Graduate School Regulations

- A student employed full-time may register for a maximum of six graduate credit hours.
- Independent studies (EDL 750) are limited to special topics approved by a faculty member. Core Seminars cannot be taken as independent studies, and we can’t offer Independent Studies on the same topic as a class that is being offered in the same semester. No student may earn more than nine hours in independent study credits leading toward minimum requirements for any one degree. (Meaning: students can take more than nine hours of independent studies, but only as additional credits)

- Normally candidates may not register for EDL 850 (dissertation) hours until they have passed their comprehensive examination, although they may register for EDL 850 during the term the comprehensive exam is taken if they are writing their dissertation prospectus.
- Candidates must be registered for EDL 850 each semester and during the summer following the successful completion of their comprehensive exam. Candidates may take a summer off from their dissertation work because of unusual circumstances. The number of semester hours of registration will be determined by the dissertation chair, reflecting the amount of work to be accomplished. Students need a minimum of 16 EDL 850 hours to graduate.

Clarification of Residency

The Graduate School requires a residency period of two consecutive semesters of full-time post-master's registration on the Oxford Campus for the Ph.D., and three full-time summer post-masters registrations for the Ed.D.

For the Ph.D. full-time study for the residency requirement is defined as follows:

- A residency period of two consecutive semesters of full-time post-master's registration on the Oxford Campus is required for the Ph.D. Students may also meet the residency requirement by completing one academic semester as a full-time student preceded or followed by full-time enrollment in two five-week summer terms. *According to Graduate School rules, residency students cannot be employed full-time.*
- Students with graduate appointments must meet the course registration requirements of their award for two semesters.
- Residency students with graduate appointments must register for a minimum of 10 graduate hours per semester.
- Residency students with no graduate appointment must register for a minimum of 12 graduate hours per semester
- Students whose residency plans involve leaves from their school district must have their residency plans approved by the department chair well in advance of the residency period. These plans may involve written statements from school boards with approval by the department chair.