



Ph.D. Special Education

The Ph.D. degree in special education is intended for students who aspire to work in academia, research institutes, or other research-intensive positions. The Ph.D. program requires more extensive contact with and immersion in the university culture than does the doctor of education (Ed.D.) degree. The Ph.D. program emphasizes the development of theoretical thinking and knowledge development in the field of special education through the growth of strong research skills.

Most courses are in person, during the day to encourage on-campus interaction with faculty and research. Please inquire about funding for tuition, conference travel, and potential living stipends or paid assistantships.

LENGTH

Typical completion for full-time students is 4 years. You will need 66 credits, 18 dissertation hours, and dissertation completed.

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The Ph.D. program in the Department of Special Education is noncategorical, suiting the interests of the student and the expertise of the faculty. The doctoral program prepares researchers and future university faculty in the following subfields of special education:

- Autism spectrum disorders
- Behavior disorders & prevention
- Early childhood special education
- Early intervention
- Gifted & talented
- High incidence disabilities
- Learning disabilities
- Severe disabilities
- Transitions

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