

# EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH (PH.D.)

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Educational Research Core Courses</b>		
EDUC 701	Advanced Learning Theory and Research	3
EDUC 750	Survey of Educational Research	3
EDUC 779	Institutional Research	3
EDUC 780	Evaluation and Measurement Tools	3
EDUC 812	Advanced Educational Statistics	3
EDUC 814	Survey of Applied Research Methods	3
EDUC 815	Quantitative Methods of Research	3
EDUC 817	Qualitative Methods of Research	3
EDUC 818	Survey Methods Research	3
EDUC 819	Mixed Methods Research	3
EDUC 845	Policy Analysis	3
EDUC 860	Literature Review for Advanced Research	3
EDUC 915	Advanced Quantitative Methods of Research	3
or EDUC 917	Advanced Qualitative Methods of Research	
EDUC 980	Research Concepts & Methodology <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>42</b>

<sup>1</sup> Once the student enters the Dissertation phase (after completion of EDUC 980), they must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Electives</b>		
Education Elective <sup>1,2</sup>		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Choose any 700-900 EDUC course not already required by the degree.

<sup>2</sup> EDUC 781 or EDUC 784 are strongly recommended

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Dissertation Courses</b>		
EDUC 987	Dissertation I <sup>2</sup>	5
EDUC 988	Dissertation II <sup>2</sup>	5
EDUC 989	Dissertation III <sup>2</sup>	5
EDUC 990	Dissertation IV	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Ph.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDUC 987, EDUC 988, and EDUC 989 only one time. Extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the School of Education

All applicable prerequisites must be met

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 hours
- A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree
- Successful defense of dissertation
- Degree must be completed within 7 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

## Program Offered in Online Format Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDUC 701	Advanced Learning Theory and Research	3
EDUC 750	Survey of Educational Research	3
EDUC 779	Institutional Research	3
EDUC 780	Evaluation and Measurement Tools	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDUC 812	Advanced Educational Statistics	3
EDUC 815	Quantitative Methods of Research	3
EDUC 814	Survey of Applied Research Methods	3
EDUC Elective <sup>1,2</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDUC 817	Qualitative Methods of Research	3
EDUC 845	Policy Analysis	3
EDUC 818	Survey Methods Research	3
EDUC 860	Literature Review for Advanced Research	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDUC 819	Mixed Methods Research	3
EDUC 915	Advanced Quantitative Methods of Research	3
or EDUC 917	Advanced Qualitative Methods of Research	
EDUC 980	Research Concepts & Methodology <sup>3</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDUC 987	Dissertation I <sup>3,4</sup>	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDUC 988	Dissertation II <sup>3,4</sup>	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDUC 989	Dissertation III <sup>3,4</sup>	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDUC 990	Dissertation IV	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

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