Masters in Educational Psychology
Specialization in Developmental & Learning Sciences
Ph.D. Track
(approved by the DLS Faculty, 27 March 2012, revised Sept., 2014)

The DLS program represents the theoretical core of the Department of Educational Psychology. Other programs focus on methodology (QQPM) or preparation for specific professional roles (counseling and school psychology). Although virtually all areas of psychological theory and research are potentially relevant to education, the program sees the psychological study of cognition, learning, and development as particularly crucial. Accordingly we prepare students with broad understanding of cognitive, educational, and developmental psychology and focused expertise on specific topics important to education. Students preparing for doctoral work are expected to demonstrate a developing ability to conduct original research in an area of emerging expertise (including successful completion of a masters thesis).

Core Courses (12 hours)

EDPS 850 or 851: Child or Adolescent Development (3)
EDPS 854: Cognition and Instruction (3)
EDPS 960 or 966: Problem Solving and Concept Learning or Psychology of Learning (3)
EDPS 961 or 962: Cognitive Development or Personality and Social Development (3)

Additional Coursework in Developmental & Learning Sciences
(at least 9 hours)

At least three courses from the following:

Additional core courses from above list (beyond 12 hour minimum)
EDPS 855: Teaching Learners to Learn (3)
EDPS 921: Creativity and Talent Development
EDPS 967: Motivation (3)
EDPS 991: First-Year Seminar (3)
EDPS 963: Developmental Psychobiology (3)
EDPS 989: Psychology of Reading and Writing (3)
EDPS 991: Lifespan Developmental Psychology (3)
Other appropriate courses approved by the adviser
Methods (at least 9 hours)

At least 3 hours each in (a) statistics; (b) measurement/evaluation; and (c) research design/methodology, as approved by the adviser. A minimal pattern includes:

EDPS 859: Statistical Methods (3)
EDPS 870: Introduction to Educational Measurement and Evaluation (3)
EDPS 800: Introduction to Research Methods (3)

See doctoral requirements listing for more options.

Research (6-10 hours)

EDPS 899: Masters thesis (6-10 hours)

Additional requirements (0-3 hours)

Coverage of ethics and human diversity (course or equivalent)

Total must be at least 36 hours.

For students admitted to the DLS doctoral program, the entire masters program except EDPS 859 (intro. to Statistical Methods) can count toward the DLS doctoral program.