

SPECIAL EDUCATION, DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

EDSP899	Doctoral Dissertation Research	12
Total Credits		60

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Special Education prepares researchers, teacher educators, and leaders who will advance the education of children and adults with disabilities. The program is intended for full-time students and requires a minimum of 60 post-Master's credits in courses that address special education issues and trends, policies, current research and practice as well as research methods and design. Doctoral students will, with their advisor, identify a sequence of courses and experiences to advance their knowledge in an area of specialization. Students pursuing the doctoral program in special education must have completed a Master of Arts degree or the Master of Education degree in special education or a related area. Students should consult the Department website on Graduate Programs for more information. <https://education.umd.edu/academics/programs/graduate/special-education-phd> (<https://education.umd.edu/academics/programs/graduate/special-education-phd/>)

Advance to Candidacy: Doctoral students are required to complete 60 credits of coursework as well as a Comprehensive Portfolio. The portfolio should include the following:

- CV
- Synthesis Paper
- Evaluation of Research and Scholarship
- Evaluation of Leadership and Professional Knowledge
- At least 3 credits of EDSP898.

Post-Candidacy: Students must complete a minimum of 12 credits of EDSP899 Doctoral Dissertation Research and successfully defend and submit an original dissertation.

Course	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
Select 5 of the following courses (or other courses with advisor approval):		15
EDSP600	Issues and Trends in Educating Individuals with Disabilities	
EDSP675	Legal and Policy Foundations for Individuals with Disabilities	
EDSP798	Special Problems in Special Education (EDSP798x Special Problems in Special Education)	
EDSP872	Theory and Empirical Design in Educational Research	
EDSP888	Apprenticeship in Special Education	
EDSP670	Single Case Research Designs in Education	
Research Methodology and Design Courses:		
QMMS646	Regression Analysis for the Education Sciences	3
QMMS651	Regression Analysis for the Education Sciences II	3
Select three additional courses approved with advisor		9
Remaining Coursework:		
EDSP898	Pre-Candidacy Research	3
Electives		15
Dissertation Research Requirements		