

Student Plan of Study  
PhD in Special Education

Name: ID #:

Email:

Advisor:

GPS ETHICS & ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT EDPY 501

The two Ethics & Academic Citizenship course can be accessed at:  
<https://www.ualberta.ca/en/graduate-studies/training-events/required-professional-development/ethics.html#intd710>  
<https://www.ualberta.ca/en/graduate-studies/training-events/required-professional-development/ethics.html#intd720>

GPS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENT COMPLETED

Information on this requirement can be accessed  
at:<https://www.ualberta.ca/en/graduate-studies/training-events/required-professional-development/eight-hours.html>

Required Coursework

**NOTE:** Students should have, as pre-requisites, courses equivalent to the MEd Special Education core (i.e., courses in methods of educational research [including quantitative and qualitative methods], and learning and/or development), as well as some grounding in MEd specialization courses.

Students in the doctoral program will complete a minimum of 15 course credits.  
Coursework depends on student background and interests, typically this includes courses in Special Education, research methods, and Educational Psychology decided in collaboration with the advisor.

The time required to complete the PhD program will vary according to the previous training of the student and the nature of the research undertaken. In general, the PhD program will take a minimum of four years to complete with the first two year largely devoted to coursework, preliminary research endeavours and preparation for the candidacy examination. The maximum time permitted for completion for the program is six years from the date of first registration.

Required Course

Course Number and Title	Credits	Completed
EDPY 620	3	
Relevant research course (approved by supervisor)	3	

Additional Courses

Course Number and Title	Credits	Completed

Other Requirements

Requirement	Completed
Oral Candidacy Examination The Candidacy Examination occurs once all course work is completed, and within three years of the start of the PhD program. The Candidacy Examination is an oral examination, which is primarily intended to assess the student’s ability to conduct independent research.	
Dissertation Students must successfully complete and defend a dissertation on an approved research topic developed in consultation with the student’s supervisor. The scope and quality of the dissertation must represent an advance in knowledge of the candidate’s field of study and should be appropriate to form the basis for at least one refereed journal publication describing the methodology and results of the research.	

Date of Initial Planning

Approval of Academic Advisor

Please submit this signed form to [essgrad1@ualberta.ca](mailto:essgrad1@ualberta.ca)

