

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	36 credits beyond the master's before taking the preliminary examination
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	36 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.25 GPA required.

Other Grade Requirements n/a

Assessments and Examinations Doctoral students must pass the preliminary examination within three years of starting the program.

Language Requirements No language requirements other than the English proficiency required for admission.

Graduate School Breadth Requirement All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/>).

Students completing an external minor must take at least 9 credits, which can include coursework from Curriculum & Instruction only if the minor is Qualitative Research Methods. Students completing a distributed minor must take 12 credits from two or more programs forming a coherent topic. Curriculum & Instruction cannot be one of the two programs.

REQUIRED COURSES

51 credits minimum are needed to graduate. At least 36 of these must be taken after the student enters the PhD program. Within those 36 credits:

- For students without a UW–Madison Curriculum & Instruction MS, minimum of 18 must be new Curriculum & Instruction (CURRIC (<https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/curric/>)) credits. For students with a UW–Madison Curriculum & Instruction Research MS, a minimum of 12 must be new Curriculum & Instruction (CURRIC (<https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/curric/>)) credits. CURRIC 990, CURRIC 999 and classes from the Qualitative Research Methodology in Education minor does not satisfy this requirement.
- Breadth (9–12 credits)
- CURRIC 712 Introduction to Curriculum and Instruction: Research and Resources.
 - Students who have a UW–Madison Curriculum & Instruction MS are exempt from this requirement.
- 3 research method classes (from 2 different traditions as determined by advisor).