



UCD School of Education Scoil an Oideachais UCD

Courses for Teachers

Structured PhD in Education and Lifelong Learning

PHD IN EDUCATION

The UCD School of Education offers a structured PhD programme in which students receive advanced education and training while pursuing original research in a specialised area of education. The production of a written thesis of around 80,000 words detailing the student's original research study and how it has made a significant contribution to knowledge, remains the core objective of the doctoral degree. Typically, the thesis will consist of, or lead directly to, peer reviewed publications in academic journals or a published monograph. In addition, students must complete thirty credits of taught modules at the School of Education or more broadly within the College of Social Sciences and Law. Those modules must include at least one research methods module and the other two may be any graduate level modules of choice. Those modules provide an opportunity for students to develop deeper insights into educational science and develop key research techniques in areas relevant to their chosen field ranging from statistical analysis to educational philosophy.

COURSE FEATURES

- Credit and modular based structure
- National and international recognition
- Interactive teaching methodologies
- Collegial, dynamic and inclusive learning environment
- Participation in a community of learners comprising of professionals, practitioners, academics and external agencies

COURSE DETAILS

Code:	W135 Full Time, W136 Part Time
Duration:	3 years /5 years
Next Intake:	September and January annually
Schedule:	Full Time / Part Time

COURSE STRUCTURE

The programme has three strands:

1. Advanced research skills training
2. Theory and praxis in education
3. Original doctoral research

The programme is taken in two stages:

Stage 1: Combined taught and research activity to the value of 120 credits.

Stage 2: Combined taught and research activity to the value of 150 credits that includes substantial original doctoral research.

Course work normally takes place in Semesters 1 and 2 of the UCD academic calendar
<http://www.ucd.ie/students/keydates.htm>

Original doctoral research is conducted under the guidance of an academic supervisor and an expert research studies panel

SAMPLE MODULES

- Advanced quantitative research methods
- Advanced qualitative research methods
- Educational philosophy
- Social justice, inclusion and diversity in education
- Social history of education
- Well-being and mental health of children and youth



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- High honours in an appropriate master's degree (or equivalent) and/or evidence of other academic standing and/or relevant professional experience that demonstrates suitability for PhD study.
- Evidence of meeting the School's English language requirements for PhD study. These are: IELTS of 7 total score, with no band below 6.5, or alternatively a masters' degree graded at 2:1 or above, written in English and obtained from an English speaking institution in an English speaking country, within the past 3-years from date of application.
- Research proposal in topic area of interest to the School of Education.

Each applicant must be matched to a supervisor from the academic faculty (an Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor) at the UCD School of Education. Please see our website for more details on this process.

ASSESSMENT

The award of PhD is conferred on successful completion of the doctoral research thesis. Taught components of the programme draw on a range of assessment methods that are matched to the learning outcomes of each module

RESOURCES

- Access to the full range of modules provided at the postgraduate level across the College of Social Sciences and Law
- Seminars, workshops and conferences appropriate to doctoral students in the College of Social Sciences and Law
- Access to International Journals and UCD-online resources
- UCD Library