



UCD School of Education
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Courses For Teachers

Structured PhD in Education

PHD

The UCD School of Education offers a structured PhD programme in which students receive advanced education and training while pursuing original research in a chosen area of an educational specialty. The structured nature of the programme equips students with the necessary skills and guidance to become independent researchers. The accompanying 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. The production of a written thesis, normally leading to peer-reviewed publications, remains the core objective of the doctoral degree.

COURSE FEATURES

- Credit and Modular based structure
- National and International recognition
- Active 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
Duration:	3 years / 6 years
Next Intake:	September 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 substantive original doctoral research.
- Course work normally takes place over three periods: Halloween; Mid-term February, and early Summer.
- Original doctoral research is conducted under the guidance of an academic supervisor and an expert doctoral studies panel.

SAMPLE MODULES

- International Social Movements in Education
- Social Justice, Inclusion and Diversity in Education
- Profession & Praxis; Knowledge, Values, Contestation
- Social History of Education
- Advanced Research Training and Methodologies



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

**Applicants will normally have*

- a) High honours in relevant bachelor's degree (or equivalent) and/or
- b) High honours in an appropriate master's degree (or equivalent) and/or
- c) Evidence of other academic standing and/or relevant professional experience that demonstrates suitability for doctoral studies.

COURSE ASSESSMENT

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

RESOURCES

**All students on the Structured PhD programme in the School of Education enjoy full access to additional support provided by the Graduate School of Human Sciences including:*

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