



Summary Program Requirements

PhD degrees focus on Education through Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies. The requirements for interdisciplinary Ph.D. programs are developed in consultation with and approved by the supervisor and program committee.

Students admitted to a doctoral program will normally be expected to spend the equivalent of at least two consecutive years of full-time study at the University.

Students are expected to complete the degree within a period of six years from initial registration.

For the Individualized program option, students must complete at least 3 credits from outside their supervisor's core program area (i.e. 3 credits taken from outside the Faculty of Education). Note: A student's supervisory committee may prescribe requirements beyond the minimums described below.

Minimum requirements are as follows:

Research Methods and Analysis

At least **3 credits**¹ from the following courses:

- IGS 501 Interdisciplinary Topics in Research Methods and Analysis;
- IGS 503 Indigenous Research Methods;
- IGS 504 Multivariate Statistics;
- IGS 505 Introduction to Qualitative Enquiry;
- IGS 506 Creative Research Methods;
- IGS 509 Directed Studies in Interdisciplinary Research Methods;
- IGS 515 Advanced Qualitative Methods;
- IGS 601 Advanced Topics in Research Methods and Analysis;
- or 500/600-level non-IGS courses in research methods and analysis approved by the Director of the Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (IGS) program.

Special Topics and Directed Studies

At least **9 credits**¹ from the following courses:

- IGS 520 Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies;
- IGS 523 Special Topics in Indigenous Studies;
- IGS 524 Proseminar in Interdisciplinary Studies;
- IGS 529 Directed Studies in Indigenous Studies;
- IGS 530 Special Topics in Creative and Critical Studies;
- IGS 539 Directed Studies in Creative and Critical Studies;

- IGS 540 Special Topics in Optimization;
- IGS 541 Special Topics in Urban Studies;
- IGS 542 Directed Studies in Urban Studies;
- IGS 543 Special Topics in Sustainability;
- IGS 544 Directed Studies in Sustainability;
- IGS 549 Directed Studies in Optimization;
- IGS 550 Special Topics in Social Science Research;
- IGS 559 Directed Studies in Social Science Research;
- IGS 560 Special Topics in Latin American and Iberian Studies;
- IGS 561 Directed Readings in Latin American and Iberian Studies;
- IGS 620 Advanced Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies;
- or 500/600-level non-IGS courses approved by the Director of the Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (IGS) program.

¹One 3-credit 500/600-level IGS course approved by the Director of the Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (IGS) program may be substituted.

Comprehensives and Doctoral Dissertation

Students must successfully complete:

- Comprehensives determined by the supervisor and program committee in consultation with the student; and IGS 699 Doctoral Thesis.

Doctoral Thesis (IGS 699)

The dissertation must be presented according to procedures described via [Doctoral Thesis Preparation/Formating](#) and [Final Submission Instructions](#).

Marks for the PhD thesis will be assigned Pass/Fail. Outstanding theses may receive the designation of Distinction on the recommendation of the Examining Committee and the Graduate Program.

More information on oral examination procedures is available at [Final Doctoral Oral Examinations](#). Students registered in a doctoral program are not permitted supplemental examinations.

The following pages offer additional dissertation information.

[Dissertation Preparation](#)

[PhD Dissertation Examination Scheduling Procedures](#)

[Candidacy and Comprehensive Examination Guidelines](#)

[Supervisory Committees](#)



Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies
Program Plan

This form must be submitted to the College of Graduate Studies no later than the end of the student's first term of study.

Student Name:

Student Number:

Degree Sought:

Discipline (if applicable):

Theme (if applicable):

Section I – Course Plan:

- Master's Students: Please provide a course plan for 18 credits (or 12 credits if you are registered in a lab- or fieldwork-based program) which includes at least 6 credits in research methods & analysis and at least 6 credits in special topics & directed studies.
- Ph.D. Students: Please provide a course plan for at least 3 credits in research methods & analysis and at least 9 credits in special topics & directed studies.

Course Name (brief)	Method or Topic Course	Credits	Semester	Instructor Name	Department Head Signature*

* For workload purposes, the Department Head signature is required if a course instructor listed is from a different unit to the supervisor's unit: for example, if a student's supervisor is in unit 1 and a listed course instructor is in unit 6, the unit 6 head must sign off on the course.



Section II – Thesis (for Master’s Students Only):

Master’s Students – Select the thesis credits appropriate to your program:

12 credits

18 credits (For students in lab-based or fieldwork programs only)

Section III – Supervisory Committee:

Each supervisory committee consists of a supervisor and at least two additional committee members. If a student has a supervisor and co-supervisor, only one additional supervisory committee member is required. Committee members agree to provide guidance and academic support for the student’s program of study. Within IGS, at least one member of the supervisory committee should be from an area outside of the supervisor’s discipline.

Name	Signature	Date	Department	Institution
Supervisor				
Co-Supervisor (if applicable)				
Committee Member 2				
Committee Member 3				
Committee Member 4				
Committee Member 5				

All committee members must be approved by the College of Graduate Studies. If a committee member is not an Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor at UBC’s Okanagan campus, then the [Dean’s Approval for Co-Supervisor/Committee Member form](#) must be submitted.

Approval: *Please ensure all signature sections are complete before submitting the form to the College of Graduate Studies.*

Name:	Signature:	Date:
Program Coordinator		
Unit Head or Dean (workload)		
College of Graduate Studies		