

## Higher and Postsecondary Education | Ph.D., Ed.D.

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The NYU Steinhardt Program in Higher and Postsecondary Education offers two doctoral programs: the Ph.D. and the Ed.D. The Ph.D. is for individuals interested primarily in research, scholarship, and faculty careers. The Ed.D. is designed for those individuals interested in senior leadership positions in colleges and universities as well as roles in government and policy organizations. Both doctoral programs emphasize broad knowledge of the field, including international studies; issues of access and equity; state and federal policy; student development; organizational studies and leadership; collegiate and workplace learning; and institutional assessment.

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## Ph.D.

**The Ph.D. is a research degree designed for students who aspire to conduct research throughout their careers as faculty members, policy scholars, or institutional researchers.**

The strength of our Ph.D. program stems from the range of interests and expertise of our faculty in research, policy development, and institutional leadership.

The curriculum includes an extensive and rigorous sequence of research courses that prepare students for the dissertation. The curriculum offers significant flexibility to ensure that students can construct an individualized program to support their research interests.

To be considered for the Ph.D. program, applicants typically plan to study full-time. Our Ph.D. students come from a broad range of backgrounds. Some students have had substantial experience in colleges or policy institutions; others have held teaching positions.

A limited number of fellowships are available to support full-time study.

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## Ed.D.

**The Ed.D. is designed for mid-career and senior professionals to meet the increasing need for visionary leadership in four-year colleges and universities, community colleges, corporate-sponsored education, advocacy organizations, and government agencies.**

Students in the Ed.D. program will participate in a broad array of course work that enables them to develop a sophisticated understanding of higher education issues and institutional practices. The culminating experience begins with the development of a prospectus that guides the student through the development of a project designed to improve professional practice or explore ramifications of educational policies.

The Ed.D. program is a part-time cohort program for higher education professionals who work in institutions of higher education in the New York City region. Students are expected to commit to study on a 12-month basis and complete the degree within three years.

## Ph.D. Curriculum Requirements\*

*54-credit program (beyond the master's degree)*

- Higher Education Specialization (21-27 credits)
  - Doctoral Colloquium
  - Doctoral Seminar
  - Theoretical Perspectives
  - Higher Education Electives
- Foundational Electives (6 credits)
- Research Courses (18 credits)
- Cross Disciplinary Courses (6-9 credits)
- Dissertation Proposal Preparation (3 credits)

\* For a full statement of requirements, please visit: [www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/alt/highered](http://www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/alt/highered)

## Ed.D. Curriculum Requirements\*

*51-credit program (beyond the master's degree)*

- Higher Education Specialization (18 credits)
  - Doctoral Colloquium
  - Doctoral Seminar
  - Institutional Assessment
  - Higher Education Electives
- Foundational Electives (15 credits)
- Research Courses (12 credits)
- Project Seminars (6 credits)

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## Higher Education Electives

A representative sampling of higher education electives include:

- Adult & Workplace Learning
- College Student Learning and Development
- Economics and Finance of Higher Education
- Foundations of Higher Education
- Globalization and Higher Education Reform
- Governance of Colleges and Universities
- Higher Education and the Law
- How Colleges Work
- Politics of Higher Education
- The Impact of College on Students
- Global Perspectives in Higher Education courses (study abroad opportunities in such locations as South Africa, Israel, and India)

Students may also take a variety of courses in Steinhardt's programs in the social sciences and psychology as well as in the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

## Steinhardt Institute for Higher Education Policy

The Steinhardt Institute for Higher Education Policy seeks to define and assess the critical challenges facing colleges and universities. The Institute supports research and dialogue that enhance our understanding of higher education. Doctoral students participate in research projects and forums affiliated with the Institute. Past speakers have included Sandy Baum, Michael McPherson, William Bowen, Lani Guinier, and David Kirp. For more information, please visit the Institute's website at [www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/sihp/](http://www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/sihp/)

### How to Apply

Ph.D. and Ed.D applicants are evaluated based on a number of factors, including:

- Prior academic history
- Relevant masters degree
- Track record of professional experience
- GRE scores
- Purpose Statement
- Academic and professional recommendations
- Interview with program faculty

Visit [www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/application](http://www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/application) to access the application or contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at 212 998 5030.

The application deadline is December 15 for fall admission.

### Further Information

Visit [www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/alt/highered](http://www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/alt/highered), or send an email to [steinhardt.highered@nyu.edu](mailto:steinhardt.highered@nyu.edu).



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