Curriculum
Total credit hours: 60

Core Courses: 18 Credit Hours			
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite(s)
EDUP605	Curriculum and Instruction Design	3	-
EDUP615	Educational Technologies and Artificial Intelligence in Education	3	-
EDUP620	Advanced Data Science and Analytics in Education	3	EDUP610
EDUP625	Diversity, Equity and Social Justice in Education	3	-
EDUP630	Cognitive Science and Learning: The Neuroscience of Education	3	-
EDUP635	Education Policy and Leadership	3	-
Research Methodology Courses: 6 Credit Hours			
EDUP601	Advanced Research Methods in Education I	3	-
EDUP610	Advanced Research Methods in Education II	3	EDUP601
Elective Courses: 6 Credit Hours (Choose Two)			
EDUP710	Professional Development and Teacher Education	3	-
EDUP715	Cross-Cultural Perspectives and Practices in Global Education	3	-
EDUP720	Institutional Effectiveness and Quality Assurance	3	-
EDUP725	Innovative Approaches in Education for Sustainable Change	3	-
Thesis: 30 Credit Hours			
EDUP801	Thesis	30	Challenge Exam + Completion of all courses

PH.D. IN
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Program Overview

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Education is a forward-thinking program designed to cultivate high-impact educational researchers and transformative leaders capable of navigating and addressing complex challenges in modern education. With a strong emphasis on original research, interdisciplinary inquiry, and innovation, the program prepares candidates to lead systemic change, develop equitable policy, and generate cutting-edge scholarship. Grounded in ethical, data-informed, and inclusive approaches, the program aligns with both local imperatives and global educational developments. Through rigorous coursework and an in-depth doctoral thesis, students emerge as experts ready to shape the future of education.

Who Should Apply

This program is tailored for:

- Holders of a master's degree in education or a related field
- Experienced educators, administrators, and policymakers
- Researchers and scholars seeking to deepen their academic expertise
- Professionals working in educational leadership, technology, or consulting
- Those aspiring to design and lead educational transformation on a national or global scale

If you are driven to advance education through deep research and innovative practice, this Ph.D. is your ideal next step.

Career Prospects

Graduates of the Ph.D. in Education program are prepared for strategic, research-intensive, and leadership roles, including:

- University Faculty or Academic Researcher
- Policy Advisor or Government Education Consultant
- Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness
- Education Technology and Innovation Specialist
- Curriculum Development and Evaluation Expert
- International Development and Education Advisor
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (DEI) Strategist
- Think Tank or NGO Research Fellow

This doctorate equips graduates to influence educational systems, develop impactful policies, and contribute to international discourse and practice.

Why the Ph.D. in Education at ADU?

The Ph.D. program at Abu Dhabi University stands out through:

- A research-intensive focus fostering original, impactful scholarship
- Integration of global trends, educational technology, and data science
- A commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusive innovation
- Access to experienced faculty and international academic networks
- Strong alignment with the UAE's national development and Vision 2030
- Cutting-edge resources including data labs, e-learning tools, and digital archives

This program builds the foundation for bold educational leadership in a rapidly transforming world.