

Programme Specification

Integrated PhD in Education (2020-21)

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided.

Awarding Institution	University of Southampton
Teaching Institution	University of Southampton
Mode of Study	Full-time
Duration in years	5
Accreditation details	None
Final award	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
Name of award	Integrated PhD in Education
Interim Exit awards	Master of Philosophy (MPhil) Postgraduate Certificate Postgraduate Diploma
FHEQ level of final award	Level 8
UCAS code	
Programme code	7152
QAA Subject Benchmark or other external reference	
Programme Lead	Jenny Byrne
Pathway Lead	Michaela Brockman

Programme Overview

Brief outline of the programme

This is a full-time taught research degree leading to the award of Doctor of Philosophy. It aims to integrate a knowledge base of three basic elements:

- a taught element, incorporating research skills, subject specific knowledge and interdisciplinary topics;
- professional and transferable skills;
- a substantial research project leading to submission of a PhD thesis.

Your contact hours will vary depending on your module/option choices. Full information about contact hours is provided in individual module profiles.

Learning and teaching

The programme combines four elements: research training; subject specialist knowledge; transferable skills; and a research thesis. Teaching and learning methods will be appropriate for each one of these and include: lectures, seminars, group work and discussion, student presentations, training sessions, research project design and fieldwork, one-to-one tutorials, research supervision.

Assessment

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Special Features of the programme

N/A

Please note: As a research-led University, we undertake a continuous review of our programmes to ensure quality enhancement and to manage our resources. As a result, this programme may be revised during a student's period of registration; however, any revision will be balanced against the requirement that the student should receive the educational service expected. Please read our [Disclaimer](#) to see why, when and how changes may be made to a student's programme.

Programmes and major changes to programmes are approved through the University's [programme validation process](#) which is described in the University's [Quality handbook](#).

Educational Aims of the Programme

The aims of the programme are to: The aims of the programme are to:

- develop your knowledge and understanding in the context of education research;
- enable you to acquire skills and understanding in a range of research approaches;
- develop and extend your specialist subject knowledge;
- gain transferable skills designed to broaden your skills and knowledge;
- enable you to plan and undertake a substantial research project in an education related field that can make an original contribution to the body of knowledge.

Programme Learning Outcomes

Having successfully completed this programme you will be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

Knowledge and Understanding

On successful completion of this programme you will have knowledge and understanding of:

- A1. a range of research skills, processes and methodologies;
- A2. the skills needed to conduct and analyse research at doctorate level;
- A3. critiques of different research designs and methodologies;
- A4. how to search the literature and electronic sources for relevant related research;
- A5. the ethics and politics of conducting research;
- A6. how to analyse and appropriately interpret research evidence;
- A7. how to present a research paper to a specific audience.

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Subject Specific Intellectual and Research Skills

On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

- B1. critically assess different research and subject specific methodologies and designs;
- B2. synthesise library and Internet materials relating to your research and subject specific topic;
- B3. construct logical arguments concerning the nature and philosophy of your subject specialism and research methodologies;
- B4. analyse and interpret field data;
- B5. analyse research documents;
- B6. critique research and subject specific papers on design, methodology and findings;
- B7. demonstrate ethical procedures and political sensitivity in conducting and writing up research;
- B8. present a research paper to colleagues and/or for publication in a research journal;
- B9. apply subject specific and research knowledge to your own professional context.

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Transferable and Generic Skills

On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

- C1. give a presentation, using visual aids, which is clearly structured and sustains the confidence of the audience;
- C2. contribute confidently and appropriately to discussion;
- C3. work effectively as part of a task-orientated group;
- C4. manage a project, with due attention to time, ethics and resource management;
- C5. participate in electronic conferencing;
- C6. demonstrate confidence in your own ability to learn new concepts;
- C7. write up research appropriately for different audiences;
- C8. design a research project;
- C9. summarise and critique subject specific and research literature;
- C10. make use of information and communication technologies in your research and subject specialism as applicable to your professional context.

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Subject Specific Practical Skills

On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

- D1. design and conduct a research project;
- D2. design and conduct interviews, questionnaires, and observations;
- D3. analyse documents;
- D4. write self-reflective analyses;
- D5. synthesise relevant research literature;
- D6. produce a reference list and bibliography;
- D7. present a research paper for specific audiences;
- D8. write up research clearly;
- D9. interpret and use statistical methods;
- D10. Integrate your subject specific, research and transferable skills and apply them to the practical needs of your professional context.

Programme Structure

The programme structure table is below:

Information about pre and co-requisites is included in individual module profiles.

Route 1

Part I

Typical course content

Students should select one of the two routes.

This Integrated PhD in Education consists of an initial taught component designed to develop your research and discipline specific skills followed by undertaking a substantial research project (referred to as the Level 7 Dissertation) in the field of Education.

The taught element combines units in both research methods and discipline-based topics (providing a grounding in relevant theoretical work and exploring specific case studies), supplemented by workshops offering further research and subject specialist training. You will have the opportunity to select a number of units of study from across the postgraduate provision at the Southampton Education School and our Faculty Doctoral Training Partnership.

Programme details

Please note: In this section the term “Part” is used to denote the structure of the academic content of the programme, as indicated in the programme structure diagram below. The term “Year” refers to the indicative time period during which elements of the programme will be studied (based on a full-time mode of study and no suspension or extension of candidature) and refers to the normal academic year spanning October to September.

Part I

Part I of the programme is assessed at Level 7 in the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) which is equivalent to master’s level. It comprises a modular taught element consisting of 60 ECTS/ 120 CATS of study in research methods and discipline specific topics undertaken during Year 1 which can lead to an intermediate award of a Postgraduate Diploma in Education Research Methods. Alongside this, during Year 1 and extending into Year 2, students commence work on a Level 7 Dissertation module equivalent to a further 30 ECTS/ 60 CATS of study credit (described in detail below). This part of the programme is designed to provide a strong foundation of research methods skills which you will then be reviewing the existing research literature and to designing and developing your own research in greater depth and with greater rigour. The skills developed during Part I of the programme will be extremely valuable to students who successfully progress through to the thesis stage of the Integrated PhD.

Progression beyond Part I of the Integrated PhD will require you to achieve a minimum mean average mark of 60% including a pass at 60% or higher in the Level 7 Dissertation module.

Research methods and discipline specific modules – 60 ECTS/ 120 CATS

All students study a set of core modules which focus on the development of foundational research skills. The core modules can be supplemented by option modules in more specialist research methods and specific research designs where these are relevant to your proposed research study. It is also possible to select option modules within our MSc Education programme to help develop your understanding of key aspects of Education theory and practice, and from the wider suite of modules at postgraduate level offered across the university. Option modules are chosen in consultation with your academic supervisor and the Integrated PhD Programme Leader.

Level 7 Dissertation module – 30 ECTS/ 60 CATS

During the second half of Year 1 students commence work on the Level 7 Dissertation module. Work on this module extends across into Year 2 and is designed to support the transition to working on your PhD research project and thesis. In this module you will have an opportunity to apply the skills developed from the other core and optional modules to refine, develop and strengthen your initial research proposal which you will then submit for assessment.

Work on the module then culminates in the writing of a report similar in style and length to an academic article or research paper, and a presentation of the report in the style of a research conference presentation. The written material produced for assessment in this module will be directly relevant to your proposed research project and so can be developed into material for the PhD thesis. Teaching on the Level 7 Dissertation module will consist of a combination of workshops in key academic communication and research development skills together with individual supervision by a member of academic research staff.

Or transfer to MSc Education, and on successful completion of either the Level 7 Dissertation (EDUC6446) or the MSc Education dissertation EDUC6342 for 30 ECTS/ 60 CATS, and payment of a top- up tuition fee, may be awarded MSc Education (Research Methods)

Part I Core Route 1

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Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
EDUC6446	Level 7 Dissertation	30	Core
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Core
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Core
RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Core
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Core
EDUC6353	Understanding Education Research	10	Core

Part I Optional (Route 1 and Route 2)

The option modules shown below constitute an indicative list; there will always be choice but the options might vary between years. A full list of modules and rules will be available to you via the Student Record Self-Service system once you enrol at the University. Option modules are selected in consultation with the Programme Director/Supervisor:

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EDUC6281	Education Flex Assignment 1	10	Optional
EDUC6282	Education Flex Assignment 2	20	Optional
EDUC6283	Education Flex Assignment 3	30	Optional
EDUC6457	Globalisation and Education Policy	10	Optional
EDUC6344	Investigating Innovations in Learning and Teaching	10	Optional
EDUC6345	Leadership in Education	10	Optional
EDUC6347	Learning and Teaching	10	Optional
EDUC6349	Management in Education Organisations	10	Optional
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RESM6007	Quantitative Methods II	5	Optional
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EDUC6455	The Social context of education and lifelong learning	10	Optional

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Part I Core Route 2

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EDUC6464	Foundational Qualitative Methods in Education Research	5	Core
EDUC6463	Foundational Quantitative Methods in Education Research	5	Core
EDUC6446	Level 7 Dissertation	30	Core
EDUC6462	Principles of Education Research Design	10	Core
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Progression Requirements

The programme follows the University's regulations for [*Progression, Determination and Classification of Results : Undergraduate and Integrated Masters Programmes*](#) and [*Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Postgraduate Master's Programmes*](#) Any exemptions or variations to the University regulations, approved by AQSC are located in [*section VI of the University Calendar*](#).

Support for student learning

There are facilities and services to support your learning some of which are accessible to students across the University and some of which will be geared more particularly to students in your particular Faculty or discipline area.

The University provides:

- library resources, including e-books, on-line journals and databases, which are comprehensive and up-to-date; together with assistance from Library staff to enable you to make the best use of these resources
- high speed access to online electronic learning resources on the Internet from dedicated PC Workstations onsite and from your own devices; laptops, smartphones and tablet PCs via the Eduroam wireless network. There is a wide range of application software available from the Student Public Workstations.
- computer accounts which will connect you to a number of learning technologies for example, the Blackboard virtual learning environment (which facilitates online learning and access to specific learning resources)
- standard ICT tools such as Email, secure filestore and calendars.
- access to key information through the MySouthampton Student Mobile Portal which delivers timetables, Module information, Locations, Tutor details, Library account, bus timetables etc. while you are on the move.
- IT support through a comprehensive website, telephone and online ticketed support and a dedicated helpdesk in the Hartley Library.

- Enabling Services offering support services and resources via a triage model to access crisis management, mental health support and counselling. Support includes daily Drop In at Highfield campus at 13.00 – 15.00 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday out of term-time) or via on-line chat on weekdays from 14.00 – 16.00. Arrangements can also be made for meetings via Skype.
- assessment and support (including specialist IT support) facilities if you have a disability, long term health problem or Specific Learning Difficulty (e.g. dyslexia).
- the Student Services Centre (SSC) to assist you with a range of general enquiries including financial matters, accommodation, exams, graduation, student visas, ID cards
- Career and Employability services, advising on job search, applications, interviews, paid work, volunteering and internship opportunities and getting the most out of your extra-curricular activities alongside your degree programme when writing your CV
- Other support that includes health services (GPs), chaplaincy (for all faiths) and 'out of hours' support for students in Halls and in the local community, (18.00-08.00)
- A Centre for Language Study, providing assistance in the development of English language and study skills for non-native speakers.

The Students' Union provides

- an academic student representation system, consisting of Course Representatives, Academic Presidents, Faculty Officers and the Vice-President Education; SUSU provides training and support for all these representatives, whose role is to represent students' views to the University.
- opportunities for extracurricular activities and volunteering
- an Advice Centre offering free and confidential advice including support if you need to make an academic appeal
- Support for student peer-to-peer groups, such as Nightline.

Associated with your programme you will be able to access:

- The supervisory system – two or more members of academic staff will be assigned as your academic supervisors. Academic supervisors will offer academic guidance, act as support and guide for your independent research thesis during Part 2 of the programme. Usually one member of your supervisory team will act as the Primary supervisor, taking the lead in supporting you through the programme and in monitoring your progress via our Postgraduate Researcher (PGR) Tracker system. You will undertake an initial needs analysis with the guidance of your supervisors and PGR Tracker will help you focus on the key milestones that mark your progression through the whole doctoral process. You will meet with one or more of your supervisors on a regular basis throughout your time working on Part 2 of the programme and summaries of your progress and supervisory reports will also be logged on PGR Tracker.
- The taught unit tutors. Each of the taught units has an assigned tutor. S/he will be a specialist in the field, and will teach and assess you on the unit, providing critical feedback and support.
- The Integrated PhD Co-ordinator. As part of the Integrated PhD cohort you will have your own dedicated co-ordinator, who will act to deal with both academic and pastoral matters.
- Course handbooks and web-based materials.
- Computers and desk space for full-time students during the period when you are in candidature.
- Photocopying facilities.
- Some allocated financial support for conference attendance and/or relevant personal development and training.
- Access to training courses provided by the Faculty Graduate School and the University Doctoral College. This will include courses in general study and communication skills, use of software and tools which support the research process (such as data analysis and referencing tools and workshops on writing for publication and presentation at conferences), workshops to support your progress on the PhD (such as preparing for a viva examination) and a number of workshops focusing on personal development to enhance your employability.
- Individual support through tutorials.
- Access to a range of Education research seminars held within Southampton Education School and research methods seminars provided in the faculty.
- Formal induction to the research provision and staff's research specialisms and responsibilities.

Methods for evaluating the quality of teaching and learning

You will have the opportunity to have your say on the quality of the programme in the following ways:

- Completing student evaluation questionnaires for each module of the programme.
- Acting as a student representative on various committees, e.g. Staff/Student Liaison Committees, School Programmes Committee OR providing comments to your student representative to feedback on your behalf.
- Serving as a student representative on Faculty Scrutiny Groups for programme validation.
- Taking part in programme validation meetings by joining a panel of students to meet with the Faculty Scrutiny Group.

Further details on the University's quality assurance processes are given in the [Quality Handbook](#).

Career Opportunities

Successful students who are awarded a PhD will be well qualified to pursue a career in Higher Education in research, teaching or administrative roles. They may also pursue careers in Education as teachers and institutional leadership or management positions, or within local or national government, as policy advisors or Education consultants.

External Examiner(s) for the programme

Name: Dr Helen Lewis - University of Swansea

Students must not contact External Examiner(s) directly, and external examiners have been advised to refer any such communications back to the University. Students should raise any general queries about the assessment and examination process for the programme with their Course Representative, for consideration through Staff: Student Liaison Committee in the first instance, and Student representatives on Staff: Student Liaison Committees will have the opportunity to consider external examiners' reports as part of the University's quality assurance process.

External examiners do not have a direct role in determining results for individual students, and students wishing to discuss their own performance in assessment should contact their Personal Academic Tutor in the first instance.

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Appendix 1:

Students are responsible for meeting the cost of essential textbooks, and of producing such essays, assignments, laboratory reports and dissertations as are required to fulfil the academic requirements for each programme of study. In addition to this, students registered for this programme also have to pay for:

Additional Costs

Type	Details
Computer discs or USB drives	For back-up and file transfer purposes
Conference expenses	Accommodation, Travel - If appropriate for your research. (Some support funding is available for conference attendance).
Equipment and Materials	Photography and Recording equipment - If appropriate for data collection as part of your research
Field course clothing	If appropriate for your research
Fieldwork: logistical costs	Accommodation, Insurance, Travel costs, Immunisation/vaccination costs, Medical Insurance, Disclosure and Barring Certificates or Clearance Translation of certificates - If appropriate for your research.
Hardware	If appropriate for your research
Parking costs (including on placements at hospitals)	If appropriate for your research
Printing and Photocopying Costs	In the majority of cases, coursework such as essays; projects; theses is likely to be submitted on line. However, there are some items where it is not possible to submit on line and students will be asked to provide a printed copy.
Software Licenses	Some software is made available to you while a student
Stationery	You will be expected to provide your own day-to-day stationery items, e.g. pens, pencils, notebooks, etc.
Textbooks	Where a module specifies core texts these should generally be available on the course collection in the library. However due to demand, students may prefer to buy their own copies. These can be purchased from any source. Some modules suggest reading texts as optional background reading. The library may hold copies of such texts, or alternatively you may wish to purchase your own copies. Although not essential reading, you may benefit from the additional reading materials for the module.

In some cases you'll be able to choose modules (which may have different costs associated with that module) which will change the overall cost of a programme to you. Details of such costs will be listed in the Module Profile. Please also ensure you read the section on additional costs in the University's Fees, Charges and Expenses Regulations in the University Calendar available at www.calendar.soton.ac.uk.