

PhD IN EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

General information about the doctoral program at the Faculty of Educational Sciences at Saint- Joseph University of Beirut.

1. Overview

The Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in Educational Sciences is an academic research program that aims to strengthen students' competencies as researchers who will contribute to the development of the scientific research community in education, at the national and international levels. The doctoral program at the Faculty of Educational Sciences also aims to enhance students' sense of criticism and self-reflection, and to reinforce their ethical behavior.

2. Program

The Faculty of Educational Sciences collaborates closely with the Doctoral School of Human Sciences and Society (EDSHS) at Saint-Joseph University of Beirut. The doctoral program consists of 180 ECTS (European credits transfer and accumulation system) that include seminars, courses and various research activities, such as the Doctoral Colloquium and other symposium in addition to the dissertation writing. Doctoral students work closely with an advisor throughout the program.

The PhD in Educational Sciences consists of six consecutive semesters.

The program is structured as follows:

- Advanced research seminars (six credits),
- Research activities proposed by the Doctoral School (six credits),
- Writing a proposal and a dissertation (168 credits).

3. Outcomes and Career Perspectives

The doctoral program leads to the degree of "Doctor in Educational Sciences" after a successful dissertation defense.

Upon graduation, holders of the PhD have the possibility to teach at the university level, become researchers, hold positions of school directors and consultants, or join ministries and NGOs at the decision-making level.

4. Admission Requirements

Applicants to the doctoral program at the Faculty of Educational Sciences must have a Master's degree in education or in a similar field of study, recognized and validated by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in Lebanon. The minimum grade of 14/20 is required for the Master's thesis in order to apply.

Applicants should also demonstrate English proficiency by passing the USJ English Entrance Exam.

5. Application form

To apply, the candidate must submit to the Faculty's administration a file including the following administrative and academic documents, before January 12, 2018:

▪ **Administrative documents**

- The Fsedu application form
- 1 recent photo-passport
- A copy of the original ID or the individual registration extract (less than one year old) or a copy of the passport for non-Lebanese
- A photocopy of the familial registration extract (less than one year old)
- A certified copy of the Lebanese Baccalaureate or its equivalent, officially validated by the Equivalence Committee at the Lebanese Ministry of Education & Higher Education, in Lebanon
- A certified copy of all university degrees
- An official transcript of university grades
- A certified copy of the course descriptions
- A photocopy of all internship attestations (if applicable)
- An attestation of affiliation to one of the following institutions (if applicable):
 - National Social Security Fund
 - Lebanese army
 - Internal security forces
 - General security
 - State security
 - Lawyers' Syndicate
 - Judges' mutual fund
 - Public sector mutual fund
 - Mutual Fund of Professors at the Lebanese University
 - Customs' mutual fund
 - Municipalities' mutual fund

▪ **Academic documents**

- A copy of the curriculum vitae
- A motivation letter that outlines the applicant's interest and goals for pursuing a doctorate degree in education
- A copy of the MA thesis
- A list of publications (if available)
- A preliminary thesis proposal (3 pages) that includes:
 - A statement of the research topic
 - A short explanation about its originality and how it can be beneficial to the field of education
 - A draft of the research questions based on a short problem statement
 - A brief overview of the methodology and the prospective timeline
 - A short list of references related to the topic

Themes

The topic chosen must fall under one of the following research themes:

- **Management & Organizational Development in Educational Institutions:**
Leadership, Entrepreneurship, education policy for K-12 and Higher Education, quality assurance and institutional change, etc.
- **Teaching and Learning, Instructional Design, and Digital Learning:**
Curriculum development, instructional practices, instructional and educational technology, pedagogy, andragogy, and assessment in K-12 and higher education institutions, etc.

Selection criteria

There are two major conditions to fulfill:

1st Phase: After you submit your application form with ALL required documents, an in-depth review is conducted. We pay attention to all details of the submitted portfolio including the relevance of the research topic, its innovative aspect, clarity and scientific rigor, practicality and / or impact on the educational field.

2nd Phase: The applicant who will be invited to sit for an interview will meet the Doctoral Commission and defend the preliminary proposal. A special attention is given to the oral performance, ability to convince, rigor of the argumentation, professional attitude and importance of the ideas presented.

6. Contacts

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Opening hours

Monday to Friday from 10 am to 12 pm and from 2:30 pm to 4:30pm.

Registration Timetable

The registration is scheduled for September 2018.