

# HUMAN ECOLOGY: DESIGN STUDIES, PHD

## REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

### NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

#### Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

### CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	26 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/</a> ).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.30 GPA required.

Other Grade Requirements n/a

**Assessments and Examinations** Doctoral students are required to take a comprehensive preliminary/oral examination after they have cleared their record of all Incomplete and In Progress grades (other than research and thesis). Deposit of the doctoral dissertation in the Graduate School is required.

**Language Requirements** Contact the program for information on any language requirements.

**Graduate School Breadth Requirement** All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/>).

### REQUIRED COURSES

Students choose a pathway:

- Design History (DH)
- Design Research (DR)

These pathways are internal to the program and represent different curricular paths a student can follow to earn this degree. Pathway names do not appear in the Graduate School admissions application, and they will not appear on the transcript.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Human Ecology Core</b>		
INTER-HE 801	Special Topics in Human Ecology (Professional Development Seminar)	1
INTER-HE 792	Theories and Perspectives in Human Ecology	2
<b>Core Courses</b>		
Complete 3 credits of the following:		3
DS 920	Seminar in Design Studies (Design Research and Design History each have their own section)	
<i>Graduate Seminar</i>		
Complete 3 credits of the following in consultation with the faculty advisor.		3
DS 521	Environments of Crisis & Design (Design Research)	
DS/ LAND ARC 639	Culture and Built Environment (Design Research)	
DS/ANTHRO/ ART HIST/ HISTORY/ LAND ARC 764	Dimensions of Material Culture	
<i>Design Research Methods</i>		
Complete 3 credits of the following in consultation with the faculty advisor.		3
DS 679	Research Methods in Design (Design Research )	
CNSR SCI 778	Causal Models in Household and Consumer Research (Design Research)	

NURSING 803	Quantitative Design and Methods (Design Research)
NURSING 804	Qualitative Design and Methods (Design Research)
ANTHRO 909	Research Methods and Research Design in Cultural Anthropology (Design History)
ART HIST/ AFROAMER 801	Historiography, Theory and Methods in Visual Culture (Design History)
ENVIR ST 922	Historical and Cultural Methods in Environmental Research (Design History)

*Graduate Student Instructor Course*

Complete 2 credits of the following that focus on teaching,  
learning, and instructional technology in consultation with  
the faculty advisor. 2

INTEGSCI 660	Research Mentor Training Practicum
ELPA 662	Expeditions in Evidence-based Teaching and Learning
ELPA 663	Capstone Seminar in Teaching and Learning
ELPA 703	Evaluating and Supporting Quality Classroom Teaching
ELPA 701	Introduction to Higher and Post- Secondary Education
INTEGSCI 675	Special Topics

*Qualifying Research Project*

Complete 3 credits from following: 3

DS 999	Independent Study
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**Breadth 9****Research and Thesis**

Complete 10 credits from following: 10

DS 990	Research and Thesis
or DS 999	Independent Study

**Major Area of Specialization**

Students must select 15 credits in consultation with the  
faculty advisor. These can be from Design Studies or  
other departments across campus. Design Research may  
consider Statistics, Computer Sciences, Educational  
Psychology, Human Development & Family Studies,  
Landscape Architecture, Nursing, Psychology, Public  
Health, Urban & Regional Planning and relevant area  
studies programs. Design History may select Anthropology,  
Art History, Environmental Studies, Gender & Women's  
Studies, History, History of Science, Library & Information  
Science, Landscape Architecture, Urban & Regional  
Planning and any relevant area studies. 15

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**Total Credits 51**