

Human and Community Development, Ph.D.

A candidate for the Ph.D. degree in Human and Community Development must meet all University, College, School, and Program requirements as outlined in the WVU Graduate catalog.

Program Requirements

All Ph.D. degree candidates are required to follow a planned program of study. The student develops the plan of study during their first year in the program in conjunction with the graduate committee. The plan must be approved by the Graduate Coordinator of the School of Design and Community Development and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the Davis College.

Code	Title	Hours
A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required in all courses applied toward degree requirements.		
Block 1: School of DCD Grad Seminars Sequence		
DSM 694	Seminar	1
LARC 694	Seminar	1
AGEE 694	Seminar	1
Block 2: Core Requirements		
AGEE 642	Agriculture Education Research Methods and Design	3
Quantitative Statistical Analysis		3
AGEE 644	Data Analysis/Interpretation	
EDUC 652	Statistical Methods 1	
Additional courses as approved by Program Coordinator.		
Introduction to Qualitative Research		3
SBHS 761	Qualitative Research Methods	
SCFD 615	Qualitative Research Methods	
Additional courses as approved by Program Coordinator.		
Advanced Research Methods and/or Analysis		3
AGEE 670	Thesis and Dissertation Proposal Development *	1
Block 3: Required Area of Emphasis		12
Agricultural and Extension Education		
Community Development		
Block 4: Two Specializations		18
Specializations are 9 credit minimum areas of study, as determined by committee.		
Block 5: Research Requirements		
Candidacy Exam		
Research **		12
Dissertation Defense		
Dissertation		
Total Hours		58

* Suggested semester immediately before beginning dissertation research.

** AOE Specific 697.

Areas of Emphasis

- Agricultural and Extension Education (p. 1)
- Community Development (p. 2)

Agricultural and Extension Education Area of Emphasis

Code	Title	Hours
AGEE 650	Program Development in Community Education	3
AGEE 651	Program Evaluation in Comm Ed	3
AGEE 680	Advanced Principles of Teaching and Learning	3

AGEE 570	History and Philosophy of Land Grant Education	3
Total Hours		12

Community Development Area of Emphasis

Code	Title	Hours
AoE Cognate Expertise *		12
Total Hours		12

* Program built from 500-level and above in ARE, ENCP, ENLM, LARC, RESM, and/or RPTR.

Major Learning Outcomes

HUMAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Learning outcomes for this degree program include:

- Complete a core consisting of quantitative and qualitative research methods, graduate seminars, and teaching practicum;
- Demonstrate competency in their chosen field(s);
- Demonstrate the capacity to produce research that can be accepted for publication in interdisciplinary journals of the social sciences;
- Be proficient in oral and written communication skills in order to have research accepted by and presented at professional conferences; and
- Show the ability to organize and to assess a community engagement project.