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# **Mathematics and Science Education PhD Student Handbook**



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## Welcome and Introduction

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### The Department Chair

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I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Department of Teaching and Learning graduate program. The faculty supports a strong program of mentorship and encourages doctoral students to work closely with faculty of their choosing in investigating the world of research, knowledge generation and dissemination, pedagogical action, and advocacy.

We have extremely talented and knowledgeable faculty in the Department. The faculty are both excellent teachers and superb researchers. They are closely connected to the K-12 public school system, and also active contributors to research in their respective fields. The faculty conduct a wide range of research, some of which is integrated into the public-school systems (e.g., writing interventions for students with disabilities, professional development for teachers) and some that is community-based (e.g., support for parents with children who have Autism). You have access to these faculty and their projects through course work and advising structures. Seek out this faculty expertise in teaching and research.

Please read through this handbook. It is designed to help you navigate all the transitions, procedures, and processes that graduate education involves. Discuss the items in this handbook with your advisor and graduate committee. Be aware of the deadlines described in the handbook.

We strive to facilitate and support a collaborative, positive, and productive culture for our graduate students. We are here to help you achieve your graduate goals. The faculty and staff in the Program and in the Department of Teaching and Learning welcome you to the graduate program and offer their assistance throughout your program.

Tariq Akmal, PhD  
Chair, Department of Teaching and Learning

### The Program Coordinator

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Congratulations, and welcome to the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. program. PhD programs are self-driven and designed around your independent research. In our program, you are supported in your work by experienced professionals through formal coursework, seminars, and informal conversations. There is structure to the program, but you have the opportunity to customize your program around your research interests. Further, like many things in life, you get out of it what you put into it. That is, the more time and thought you put into your studies, the more you will learn, grow, and prepare yourself professionally for your future endeavors. We are pleased to have you in the program and look forward to working with you in the coming years. Best of luck!

Andy Cavaghetto, PhD  
Associate Professor of Mathematics Education and Mathematics  
Coordinator, Mathematics and Science Education PhD

## Introduction

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The guidelines in this handbook are to assist you in planning and completing your program. Please read and discuss them with your advisor. If you have questions that are not addressed in this handbook, please contact your advisor or the staff in the Office of Graduate Education in the College of Education. You can also visit our website <https://education.wsu.edu/graduate/> for additional information.

The forms discussed in this handbook are available from the College of Education Office of Graduate Education and the Graduate School website: <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/facultystaff-resources/18-2/>

## Mathematics and Science Education Program Overview

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### Program Vision

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The Ph.D. in Mathematics and Science Education emphasizes the generation, application, and translation of research that will enhance the field of education in the context of mathematics and science. You will choose **an individualized path of study** that targets math and/or science education, guided by **faculty mentors**. Courses in math/science education, research, and a selected cognate area frame the core student experience, but numerous opportunities for individualized learning experiences exist up to and including the dissertation stage. The program is accessible at the following four sites of the WSU system - Pullman, Spokane, Tri-Cities, and Vancouver. All courses, advising, and weekly seminar occur over a state-wide teleconferencing system that supports a **broad learning community**. The degree prepares doctoral students for successful application to positions at research universities in the areas of mathematics, science, and STEM education. Graduates will also be well-suited for the growing number of positions in STEM education centers across the country, or as STEM education professionals in K-16, community, museum, or other professional contexts.

### Mission

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The mission of the Ph.D. in Mathematics and Science Education is to develop scholars and educators capable of making important contributions to the research base, professional context, and learning environments related to mathematics, science, and STEM education.

### Student Learning Outcomes

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The following student learning outcomes have been established for the program:

1. Program student locates, analyzes, and synthesizes research literature, and applies that synthesis to problems of practice.
2. Program student effectively communicates scholarly work through written, oral, and/or alternate formats.
3. Program student skillfully inquires into areas of program-related interest.
4. Program student develops scholarly habits of curiosity, inquiry, skepticism, and data-based decision making.
5. Program student expresses value of diversity and demonstrates this value in pedagogical and inquiry endeavors.
6. Program student conducts and disseminates original scholarship that demonstrates acquisition and application of new knowledge and theory.
7. Program student shows potential as an emerging expert in her/his area of study.

In addition, we identify the following goals for our graduates:

- An emergent research program in mathematics, science, or STEM education
- Knowledge of key aspects of the field (main journals, conferences, leading researchers, professional norms of the field)
- Awareness of key funding sources
- Ability to teach content methods and other preservice courses
- Ability to teach masters and doctoral level courses in mathematics, science, or STEM education
- Knowledge and awareness to pursue other occupations in STEM education outside of university settings

## **Student Handbook**

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The Mathematics and Science Education Doctoral Degree Handbook is designed for current and prospective students on the Pullman, Spokane, Tri-Cities, and Vancouver campuses. Students will find this Handbook helpful in understanding the degree program, the process for enrolling in coursework, and information regarding policies and procedures for successfully completing a degree program. If you have questions that are not addressed in these guidelines, please visit our website

(<https://education.wsu.edu/graduate/mathematicsandscienceed/>), contact your advisor, or contact/visit the Academic Coordinators at any of the four participating campuses listed on page 30.

## **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)**

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The Ph.D. requires at least 72 credit hours of study and consists of graded and non- graded coursework. The Ph.D. program must include a minimum of 34 semester hours of graded credit beyond the master's degree (in the case of the Mathematics and Science Education PhD, the minimum is 43 semester hours beyond the bachelor's degree) and a minimum of 20 semester hours of Doctoral Research, Dissertation, and/or Examination (Ed\_MthSci 800).

## Program Content

In collaboration with the advisor/committee chair and other committee members, each student must file a doctoral degree Program of Study. The committee must approve the program, which is formalized by submitting the completed Program of Study form to the Department Chair and Graduate School. The [Program of Study](#) form can be found on the Graduate School's website.

The course of study for the Doctor of Philosophy in Math/Sci. Educ. includes a minimum of 43 graded credits plus a minimum of 20 dissertation credits (ED\_MTHSC 800). Work with your advisor/program of study chair to plan a course of study that is intellectually coherent and relevant to your needs and interests.

The following is a breakdown of required foundational core, research, and elective requirements for the Ph.D. degree. For specific courses and semester offerings, please see the next section on Program Coursework and Requirements/General Overview. It is anticipated that completion of the degree will average three to five years.

### Math/Science Education Doctoral Credit Overview

	Credits
<b>Graded Credits (<i>A-F grading rubric</i>)</b>	
Foundation Core Courses	13
Research Courses	18
Cognate Area Courses	12
<b>Total Required Graded Credits</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Elective(s) (<i>S/F or A-F grading rubrics</i>)</b>	<b>3</b>
Additional Ed_Mthsc 800 or additional coursework (e.g. Tch_Lrn 585, 591, or Ed_Res 571)	6
Dissertation credits Ed_Mthsc 800 ( <i>S/U grading rubric</i> )	20
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>72</b>

## Program Coursework and Requirements

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### General Overview

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The Doctor of Philosophy in Education, with a specialization in Mathematics and Science Education is a research degree program that consists of a minimum of 72 credits. The program consists of a minimum of 43 graded credits (A-F grading) and a minimum of 20 credits of ED\_MTHSC 800 (S/U grading). The remaining credits may include graded (A-F grading rubric) and non-graded (S/F grading rubric) coursework relevant to the doctoral program or additional 800 credits (S/U grading). In collaboration with the advisor/committee chair and other committee members, you will design your doctoral program of study. The committee must approve the plan, which is formalized by submitting the [Program of Study](#) to the department chair and Graduate School.

### Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics and Science Education (Dissertation) - 72 credits

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<b>Foundation Core – Required Primary Core (13 credits minimum)</b>				<i>Typically Offered</i>
Tch_Lrn	581	Learning and Development in Mathematics and Science	3	<i>Fall – Odd years</i>
Tch_Lrn	584	Research in Teaching Mathematics and Science	3	<i>Fall – Even years</i>
Ed_MthSc	598	Research Seminar in Mathematics and Science Education ( <i>1 credit/semester: 4 credits required but may take up to 6 credits</i> )	4	<i>Fall, Spring</i>
<i>Take one of the following courses:</i>				
Tch_Lrn	512	Language and Cultural Factors in Mathematics	3	<i>Fall – Even years</i>
Tch_Lrn	574	Science for All: An Individual and Multicultural Perspective	3	<i>Spring – Even years</i>
<b>Required Research Core – (18 credits minimum)</b>				
Ed Psych	507	Introduction to Qualitative Research	3	<i>Fall, Spring</i>
Ed Psych	508	Educational Statistics	3	<i>Fall, Spring</i>
EdRes	562	Epistemology, Inquiry, and Representation	3	<i>Fall, Spring</i>
EdRes	563	Principles of Research	3	<i>Fall, Spring</i>
EdRes	564	Qualitative Research	3	<i>Fall</i>
EdRes	565	Quantitative Research	3	<i>Fall, Spring</i>

*You may be able to apply for a waiver of courses in the required research core if they have taken courses in your previous graduate programs that meet the required competencies. Talk with your advisor for information on applying for a waiver.. Ed\_Psych 505 is listed as a pre-requisite for Ed\_Res 563. Competencies to enter Ed Res 563 are attained during ED\_MTHSC 598 in the fall semester. Therefore Math/Science Education PhD students are not required to take Ed Psych 505 as a pre-requisite for Ed\_Res 563.*



**Required Cognate Area Courses** (12 credit minimum)

In addition to Foundational Core and Research Core coursework, you are required to develop an area of expertise that will support your particular research focus. This “Cognate Area” is determined by you in conjunction with your doctoral committee chair and committee. The cognate area must be approved by your advisor and committee. Because Math/Science education is a field that draws from a number of different theoretical, philosophical, and methodological traditions, the cognate area can draw from coursework across the university, but the courses should fit under a conceptual theme. To aid in this process the programs in the college of education have worked together to develop possible cognate areas (see the information below on page 7). **Please note that because some of the courses in the pre-developed cognate areas are offered by faculty in other programs, they may not be accessible from all campuses. Take time and care to make sure that the courses are available to your campus and offered at an accessible time of day before completing your program of study.**

**Electives** (3 credits minimum) **Take 3 credits from one of the following:**

Tch_Lrn	521	Topics in Education: Models of Teacher Education & Development <sup>1</sup>	3	Fall – Odd years
Tch_Lrn	561	Elementary School Mathematics	3	Spring – Odd years
Tch_Lrn	571	Research in STEM Education	3	Spring – Odd years
Tch_Lrn	585	Focused Reading and Conference in Math/Science Education <sup>1</sup>	1-3	Anytime -arranged with faculty member
Tch_Lrn	591	Research Internship in Math/Science Education <sup>1</sup>	2-3	Summer
Math	532	Advanced Mathematical Thinking	3	Spring – Even years
EdRes	571	Dissertation Preparation	3	Spring – Odd years

**Required Dissertation hours - 20 credits (minimum) – S/U Graded**

Ed_MthSc	800	Master’s Thesis and/or Examination credits	20	Fall, Spring, Summer
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\*\*\*\*Please verify current course offerings in the current time schedule or with your Advisor as class offerings may vary from the typical term offering.

<sup>1</sup> Variable credit course in catalog. Be sure you are registering for the correct credits as listed on the course syllabi.

**Foundation Course Rotation Schedule**

Most of the above courses are offered on a two-year rotational basis. The current scheduling plan for these courses (subject to change):

	<b>Fall Even (e.g., Fall 2024)</b>	<b>Spring Odd (e.g., Spring 2025)</b>
Required Core	TCH_LRN 584 (3 cr) Research in Teaching Math & Science	
Required Core	ED_MTHSC 598 (1 cr) Research Seminar in Math & Science Education	ED_MTHSC 598 (1 cr) Research Seminar in Math & Science Education
Elective Core	TCH_LRN 512 (3 cr) Language & Cultural Factors in Mathematics	



	<b>Fall Odd (e.g., Fall 2023)</b>	<b>Spring Even (e.g., Spring 2024)</b>
Required Core	TCH_LRN 581 (3 cr) Learning & Development in Math & Science	
Required Core	ED_MTHSC 598 (1 cr) Research Seminar in Math & Science Education	ED_MTHSC 598 (1 cr) Research Seminar in Math & Science Education
Elective Core		TCH_LRN 574 (3 cr) Science for All

## WSU College of Education Pre-Developed Cognate Options

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Education PhD programs at Washington State University are designed to provide focused, discipline-specific expertise to emerging scholars in the fields of 1) Cultural Studies and Social Thought in Education (CSSTE), 2) Educational Psychology (Ed\_Psych), 3) Language, Literacy, & Technology (LLT), 4) Mathematics & Science Education (Ed\_MthSc), and 5) Special Education (Spec\_Ed). Each area contains core research and knowledge important to scholars in that given field.

However, as mentioned in the cognate description on page 6, educational research often draws from a wide array of theories, frameworks, and methodologies that cut across various fields of study. Because specific areas of research often have interdisciplinary foci that relate to two or more of the above areas, the five Education PhD programs at WSU have collectively developed sets of courses that represent possible **cognates** in specific areas of study. The courses should be selected in conjunction with your advisor and **can be used to satisfy the cognate area requirement of your program of study**, if applicable. You have the option of obtaining a/an 1) discipline-specific cognate, 2) interdisciplinary cognate, or 3) dual-area cognate.

**You are not required to use one of these options. They are simply developed as possible cognate areas. You can develop your cognate area in conjunction with your advisor using any accessible courses at WSU assuming that the courses are conceptually cohesive.**

Please keep in mind that because cognates often draw from courses outside of the Math/Science Education PhD program, we cannot guarantee they will be offered across all campuses. Please Take time and care to make sure that the courses are available to your campus and offered at an accessible time of day before completing your program of study.

### Discipline-Specific Cognate Options

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The following cognates are comprised of 3-credit courses recommended in the given areas and intended if you are not enrolled in the given area. They provide collectively a base of knowledge suitable for a cognate in that area.

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#### Discipline-Specific Cognate in ...

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#### Cultural Studies and Social Thought in Education

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CSSTE 531

Cultural Studies in Education

*Fall Even*

CSSTE 535	Multicultural Education in a Global Society	<i>Fall every year</i>
CSSTE 536	Environment, Culture, and Education	<i>Spring Odd</i>
CSSTE 537	Place Based Education	<i>Spring Odd</i>
<b>Educational Psychology</b>		
Ed_Psych 502	Theory Foundations of Learning and Instruction	<i>Fall every year</i>
Ed_Psych 573	Motivational Theories	<i>Spring Even</i>
Ed_Psych 521	Topics Course: Embedded Cognition	<i>Fall Even</i>
Ed_Psych 521	Topics Course: Data Management and Visualization	<i>Summer every year</i>
<b>Language, Literacy, and Technology</b>		
Tch_Lrn 511	Foundations of Theoretical Frameworks	<i>Fall Odd</i>
Tch_Lrn 549	Communicating in a Multilingual Society	<i>Spring Odd</i>
Tch_Lrn 570	Theory and Research in Electronic Literacies	<i>Spring Odd</i>
<b><u>Choose one of the following:</u></b>		
Tch_Lrn 550	Second Language Learning and Literacy	<i>Fall Even</i>
Tch_Lrn 562	Foundations of Literacy: Theory & Research	<i>Spring Even</i>
<b>Special Education</b>		
Spec_Ed 589	Special Education Personnel Preparation and Professional Development	<i>Fall Odd</i>
Spec_Ed 592	Single Subject Research Design and Methods	<i>Spring Even</i>
Spec_Ed 593	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Special Education	<i>Fall Odd</i>
Spec_Ed 595	Universal Design	

### **Interdisciplinary Cognate Options**

If you are interested in obtaining an interdisciplinary cognate can do so by taking any four of the courses in the above grid. However, it is recommended strongly that the courses be connected by a given theme or focus; advisor and committee approval of an interdisciplinary cognate is required.

To assist you and advisors interested in the interdisciplinary option, the following cognates have been created that are comprised of 3-credit courses offered in several different WSU PhD programs, connected by a specific focus identified in the cognate title.

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**Interdisciplinary Cognate in ...**


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**Research Methods across Disciplines**


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Ed_Psych 521	Topics Course: Data Management and Visualization	<i>Every Summer</i>
Spec_Ed 592	Single Subject Research Design and Methods	<i>Spring Even</i>
Tch_Lrn 511	Foundations of Theoretical Frameworks (LLT)	<i>Fall Odd</i>
Tch_Lrn 531	Frameworks for Research in Math & Science Education	<i>Spring Even</i>

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**Research on Learning and Cognition**


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Ed_Psych 502	Theory Foundations of Learning and Instruction	<i>Fall every year</i>
Spec_Ed 593	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Special Education	<i>Fall Odd</i>
Tch_Lrn 550	Second Language Learning and Literacy	<i>Fall Even</i>
Tch_Lrn 562	Foundations of Literacy: Theory & Research	<i>Spring even</i>

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**Research on Equity in Education**


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	CSSTE 535	Multicultural Education in a Global Society	<i>Fall every year</i>
	Spec_Ed 593	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Special Education	<i>Fall Odd</i>
<b>OR</b>	Tch_Lrn 512	Language and Cultural Factors in Mathematics	<i>Fall Even</i>
	Tch_Lrn 574	Science for All	<i>Spring Even</i>
	Tch_Lrn 549	Communicating in a Multilingual Society	<i>Spring Odd</i>

**Research on Social Aspects of Education**


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**Choose 4 of the 5 courses listed:**

CSSTE 536	Environment, Culture, and Education	<i>Spring Odd</i>
Ed_Psych 521	Topics Course: Embedded Cognition	<i>Fall Even</i>
Spec_Ed 595	Universal Design	
Tch_Lrn 549	Communicating in a Multilingual Society	<i>Spring Odd</i>
<b>OR</b>	Tch_Lrn 512	Language and Cultural Factors in Mathematics
	Tch_Lrn 574	Science for All

## Dual- and Multi-area Cognate Options

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If you are interested in obtaining a dual-area cognate can do so by taking four courses that are 1) thematically connected, 2) outside of your degree program, and 3) approved by the your advisor and committee. The courses should provide you with core knowledge in both fields of study, as well as the basis for a collective focus across the areas.

If deemed appropriate, you could create a cognate by taking courses in three different program areas if they satisfy the three criteria outlined above.

Here are an example of a potential dual- and multi-area cognate:

- ***Literacy in Special Education:*** Tch\_Lrn 549, 562; Spec\_Ed 593, 595

## Academic Requirements, Policies, and Procedures

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### Mandatory Research Training

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As of Spring 2020 term a mandatory training for CITI Responsible Conduct of Research/Conflict of Interest is required of all graduate students. This is a web based training located at <https://myresearch.wsu.edu/MandatoryTraining.aspx>. All College of Education students are required to take the **Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct version of the training** as soon as possible. Please visit <https://irb.wsu.edu/training/> for more information including instructions on how to access the course. This training will take approximately 2-3 hours depending on how in depth you choose to read.

Once you have completed these trainings, you will receive email confirmation of your completion. Please forward this email to the College of Education Office of Graduate Education ([gradstudies@wsu.edu](mailto:gradstudies@wsu.edu)) and if you have been awarded an assistantship to that department as well. You will not be eligible for an assistantship until after this training is completed.

We must report the date of completion. Failure to take this training will result in the delay of your progression through the graduate program. Therefore, you need to complete this training in order to finish your program. The training will need to be completed every five years.

If you have questions about this training, please read the webpage <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/responsible-research/> and contact the Office of the Graduate School (509-335-1446 or [gradschool@wsu.edu](mailto:gradschool@wsu.edu)).

### Program Retreat

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All graduate students are required to attend the annual program retreat, usually held on a Saturday early in the Fall semester on the Tri-Cities campus. The purpose of the retreat is to enhance the learning community established amongst the student body and faculty in the program and engage in scholarly discussions pertinent to the fields of mathematics and science education.

### Temporary Advisor and Permanent Committee Chair

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#### *Assignment of a Temporary Advisor*

Your admission letter from the Department indicates the faculty member who will serve as your temporary advisor. The temporary advisor will assist you with the initial selection of course work and

other program requirements. You should contact your advisor prior to enrolling in classes and maintain regular communication throughout the initial stages of your program. If you wish to change temporary advisors, you may complete the [Change of Temporary Advisor form](#). The temporary advisor serves until you select a permanent advisor who will chair your doctoral committee. While you may decide to ask your temporary advisor to chair your doctoral committee, you are also free to ask another faculty member in your program.

Once the doctoral committee is established, you are allowed to change members of your committee, including the chair, at any time. However, you must communicate with all faculty involved prior to officially requesting a change in the committee. The reason for the change, which should be clearly articulated, should be both compelling and substantive in nature, as changes in committee are not routine. In addition, program faculty members are under no obligation to serve on any committee.

### ***Selection of a Permanent Committee Chair and Doctoral Committee***

You are encouraged to select a permanent committee chair as soon as possible after your first semester of study, or if you are a part-time student, after completing 20 credits or by your fifth semester, whichever comes first. By this time, you should know several faculty members and their areas of specialization. The permanent doctoral committee chair must have a doctoral degree and be qualified, according to COE guidelines, to chair doctoral committees. The individual must be a member of the Graduate Faculty in the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program (see Faculty list at the end of the Program Bylaws in Appendix D). The individual should also have expertise in the area that will be the focus of your study. This will be reflected in the faculty member's record of research and publication, teaching, and professional service. If you need additional assistance in selecting a permanent advisor/committee chair, consult with the department chair, a faculty member you know, or the staff in the COE Office of Graduate Education.

Your permanent committee chair will help you develop and file your Program for Doctoral Degree and identify other faculty members to serve on your doctoral committee. The doctoral committee must consist of at least two members, in addition to the committee chair, who hold a doctoral degree and are qualified, according to COE guidelines and Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. program bylaws, to serve on doctoral committees. At least two of the three committee members must be members of the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty and the Department of Teaching and Learning. All three committee members should have expertise related to your program of study. One person who does not meet the COE criteria for serving on doctoral committees may be appointed to the committee as a fourth member. The committee must also include a faculty member from your chosen cognate area. The supporting cognate area may be from the COE or another college.

Once the doctoral committee is established, you are allowed to change members of your committee, including the chair, at any time. However, you must communicate with all faculty involved prior to officially requesting a change in the committee. The reason for the change, which should be clearly articulated, should be both compelling and substantive in nature, as changes in committee are not routine. In addition, program faculty members are under no obligation to serve on any committee.

When selecting committee members, take into account whether each committee member

- has a Ph.D. or Ed.D.
- meets COE criteria for serving on doctoral committees
- is available for the duration of the dissertation (e.g., are there sabbatical or retirement plans?)
- has expertise related to the topic of research
- has expertise in the research methodology
- is accessible for meetings with you and other committee members

- provides prompt and constructive feedback
- is compatible with other committee members
- has the time to devote to your committee

### **Developing and Submitting the Program of Study (a.k.a. – Degree Requirements)**

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The Program of Study (POS) lists your committee chair and other committee members and the courses that comprise your doctoral program. Your permanent advisor/committee chair, in collaboration with other members of your doctoral committee, will help you identify the appropriate course work for your program of study. When committee members approve the form in myWSU, it indicates they agree to be on your committee and approve your program of study.

The core courses for the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. must include a minimum of 43 semester hours of graded course work beyond the master's degree. (Requirements are shown in the Advising Sheet, Appendix A.) These graded courses are listed in the “Core Program” section of the POS form. Details on these courses are provided in later sections. Generally, only graduate-level WSU and transfer courses can be included in the Program of Study. No course used for a previously completed masters or doctoral degree may be used. However, your doctoral program committee may approve up to 12 credits of non-graduate credit (300- or 400-level courses from WSU) for your program of study. Any course included in the POS in which a grade of "C-" or below is earned must be repeated as a graded course (cannot be repeated on an S/F basis).

In the “Research and Additional Studies” section of the program, list the Special Projects (Tch\_Lrn 600, SpEd 600) and Doctoral Research, Dissertation, and/or Examination (Ed\_MthSc 800) credits you plan to take, as well as courses taken on an S/F basis. You must enroll in Ed\_MthSc 800 in the semesters in which you take your comprehensive assessment examination and work on your dissertation. Your program must include a minimum of 20 credits of Ed\_MthSc 800 (S/U grading).

The POS must be typed and circulated to the faculty members you asked to serve on your doctoral committee for their initial approval. The [Program of Study](#) is submitted through your myWSU account. Although Graduate School policy requires that this form be completed no later than the third semester of graduate work, we recommend no later than completion of 20 credits, whichever comes first.

The electronic routing for Graduate School forms may be found in your myWSU account under Profile > Service Requests. *Your upload and subsequent approvals by committee members and department chair count as ink signatures and become binding for all.* When the program of study is approved by the Graduate School, an email is sent both to you and the COE Office of Graduate Education. The approved program becomes a part of the requirements for the degree and becomes a “contract” between the Graduate School, the academic program, and you “the student.” You are held to the doctoral program requirements in effect at the date of your admission, provided you submit a Program of Study and have it approved by the Graduate School within one year of your admission date. Otherwise, you will be held to the program requirements in effect at the time of approval of your POS.

### **Changes to your Program of Study (Degree Requirements)**

After the Program of Study has been approved by the Graduate School, it may be changed by completing either a [Change of Program](#) or [Change of Committee](#) forms. Forms are uploaded by you through your myWSU > Profile > Service Request for electronic approvals.

**\*\*Be sure to keep copies of all submitted paperwork.**

## Deadlines

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You should check the Graduate School's [Deadlines and Procedures for the Doctoral Degree](#) for submission of the Program of Study so that you get current information about due dates that affect you.

## Registration and Credit Load

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Graduate Students are responsible for completing appropriate enrollment procedures each semester. Full-time graduate students must register for a minimum of 10 credit hours to maintain full-time enrollment status in the fall and spring semesters. Part-time graduate students must register for a minimum of 2 credit hours and no more than 9 credit hours to maintain part-time enrollment status in the fall and spring semesters. For further information regarding the **Registration and Credit Load** policy, go to the Graduate School Policy and Procedures at ([Chapter 5.C](#)).

## Continuous Enrollment Policy

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All full- and part-time degree-seeking graduate students at all campus locations must maintain continuous enrollment in the Graduate School, registering for each semester, excluding summer sessions, from the time of first enrollment until all requirements for the degree are completed. Continuous enrollment is maintained by registering for a minimum of 2 graduate credits per semester (excluding the summer). For further information regarding the Continuous Enrollment for Degree Seeking, please go to ([Chapter 5.A.2](#)).

## Continuous Doctoral Status (CDS)

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Continuous Doctoral Status (CDS) allows doctoral students to meet the Graduate School's continuous enrollment requirement without enrolling for credit or applying for Graduate Leave. CDS is only an option for you if you have completed all coursework and passed preliminary exams. If these requirements are met, you will **automatically** be placed into CDS (fall and spring semesters only) if you do not enroll for credit. Subsequently, **a fee will be charged to the your student account** after the 30<sup>th</sup> day of each semester (fall and spring only) while in CDS. You are required to pay this fee each semester to maintain your Continuous Doctoral Status.

While in CDS students maintain WSU library privileges, but they cannot progress in the completion of 800 credits. It is also important to note that CDS does not extend your deadline to complete degree requirements (three years after preliminary exams or 10 years after the first course on the Program of Study, whichever is sooner).

If you wish to return to active enrollment and register for 800 credits, schedule your dissertation proposal defense (D-1) or dissertation defense (D-2), you are advised to contact your Academic Coordinator a minimum of two months prior to the start of the semester in which you wish to resume enrollment for credit and *request that you be taken out of CDS* and given an active term for enrollment.

NOTE: Some students may not be eligible for CDS. International students maintaining their visa status, students on an assistantship requiring full time enrollment to obtain benefits, and students needing financial aid or financial aid deferral, should confer the appropriate office for their situation to ensure CDS is an option for them.

Further information on Continuous Doctoral Status (CDS) may be found in the Policies and Procedures ([Chapter 5.A.2.a](#)).



## **Academic Standing and Annual Review**

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You are required to maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) in your graduate program. If you fail to maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA or receive an F in any course in the graduate program, your committee will review the situation and make a determination as to whether or not you will be allowed to remain in the program.

Each year, the Graduate School requires progress reviews of all graduate students. Towards the end of Spring Semester, you complete the annual progress review form (Appendix B), noting whether or not you are making satisfactory progress toward completion of your program, including detailed comments on each item. An updated vita is also required at this time. A meeting with your advisor is then required, at which time both you and your advisor sign the form. A meeting with all program faculty then occurs to discuss each individual students' progress in the program. If needed, a final meeting will occur.

## **Grade Point Average**

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You are required to have a 3.0 cumulative and a 3.0 program GPA in order to be awarded a graduate degree. No work of B- or below may be dropped from a program, nor can a course be repeated for a higher grade if the final grade is C or higher. Any course listed in the Program of Study for a doctoral degree with a grade of C- or below must be repeated, and the course cannot be repeated on an S/U (satisfactory/ unsatisfactory) basis.

If you are a regularly admitted graduate student who has completed only one semester or one summer session of graduate study with a GPA of 2.75 or above, you are eligible for continued enrollment. Upon completion of two semesters, one semester and one summer session, or two summer sessions of graduate study and thereafter, a 3.0 GPA or above is required for continued enrollment in the Graduate School. If you are admitted on a provisional status, you must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in order to continue your enrollment in the Graduate School.

If you fail to maintain a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0 for two semesters, one semester and one summer session, or two summer sessions, your enrollment will be terminated. If your GPA is between 2.75 and 2.99, you may be reinstated by the Dean of the Graduate School upon favorable recommendation of the department chair. Upon reinstatement, you will have one semester to raise your cumulative GPA to at least a 3.0.

If you are a newly admitted student who fails to obtain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 at the end of one semester or one summer session of graduate study, your enrollment will be terminated. You may be reinstated by the Dean of the Graduate School upon favorable recommendation of the department chair.

## **Transfer Credit and Credit Restrictions**

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The number of transfer credits allowed for the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. program is 12. If approved, up to 12 credits appropriate to the program of study (with a grade of B or higher) earned in other accredited graduate schools after the award of the bachelor's degree may be transferred and applied toward your graduate degree program. Graduate credit earned (with a grade of "B" or higher) at Washington State University prior to formal admission to the Graduate School, other than credit earned while enrolled as an undeclared undergraduate or enrichment student, may be included in the number of prior credits allowed. The total of such credits from the two categories (transfer and prior WSU credits) is subject to the usual time restrictions and approval by the department and the Graduate School. None of these credits may be applied toward another advanced degree.

Extension courses, special problems, research and thesis, workshops, and correspondence courses will not receive graduate transfer credit. For necessary interpretations, inquiries should be sent to the Dean of the Graduate School.

Transfer credit is requested formally by listing the courses on the Program of Study, but preliminary determination will be made earlier upon request to the Graduate School. Graduate credit from non-accredited institutions will not be accepted for transfer to graduate degree programs. Graduate credit earned within the State of Washington from an accredited institution whose main campus is outside the state will be considered for transfer to a graduate degree program only upon special petition to the Dean of the Graduate School.

### **Non-required but Highly-recommended Activities**

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- Submit a proposal to present research at a major conference
- Submit papers for publication in refereed journals
- Volunteer as a proposal reviewer for a publication or conference
- Engage in scholarly and/or teaching activity through a lens of equity and diversity, or in settings that involve or take into account equity and diverse learners
- Collaborate with faculty on grant development, submission, and/or enactment
- Work closely with a faculty member on a research project
- Conduct presentations to peers in courses
- If possible, teach undergraduate courses in pedagogy and/or content

### **Endorsement Information**

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If you wish to add an endorsement to your teacher certification, you must apply to WSU's add-on endorsement program. Once all coursework and testing requirements are met, you must submit a separate application to have the endorsement added to your certificate. More information and both applications can be found on the Office of Field and Certification website

<https://education.wsu.edu/undergradprograms/teachered/endorsements/>

Courses related to the middle level mathematics endorsement and the middle level science endorsement can become part of the Program of Study for your doctoral degree. Consult with your doctoral advisor and campus advising staff for more information.

## Program Flow Chart

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### Mathematics and Science Education PhD Program Flow Chart

<b>Foundational Core</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TCH LRN 581</li> <li>• TCH LRN 584</li> <li>• TCH LRN 512/574</li> <li>• ED MTHSC 598</li> </ul>	<b>Research Core</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ED PSYCH 507</li> <li>• ED PSYCH 508</li> <li>• ED RES 562</li> <li>• ED RES 563</li> <li>• ED RES 564</li> <li>• ED RES 565</li> </ul>	<b>Cognate Area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 Credits</li> </ul>	<b>Electives</b> (e.g., EdRes 571, TchLrn 585 & 591)
Understand existing research literature in math/science	Understand methodological approaches used in education research	Develop expertise in a focal area of math/science education	Further develop expertise in focal area and/or research

\_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Examination \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Independent Research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dissertation Proposal (D1)</li> <li>• Dissertation Study &amp; Write-up</li> <li>• Dissertation Defense (D2)</li> </ul>
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## Preliminary Examination (also known as the Comprehensive Written and Oral Assessment)

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The WSU Graduate School has many policies and procedures that are not included in this handbook. The Mathematics and Science Education policies and guidelines in this document compliment, clarify, and extend the policies of the Graduate School. You are responsible for following all WSU Graduate School policies in addition to the policies contained in this document.

For example, you are required to complete all requirements, including dissertation defense, within four years of successful completion of Preliminary Examinations. You are encouraged to consider this requirement when scheduling Preliminary Examinations.

You are also discouraged from scheduling in summer session due to faculty availability; however, if the entire committee is amenable to a summer scheduling date, you should feel free to proceed.

After the *Program of Study* has been approved and most or the entire program has been completed, the Preliminary Examination is designed and scheduled. You must complete the [Preliminary Examination Scheduling Form](#) and is uploaded by you through your myWSU > Profile > Service Request for electronic approvals within myWSU. Only completed forms will processed and must be submitted at least 15 business days prior to the exam date. *Forms will be returned and defenses delayed if the form has missing information.* You must be enrolled for a minimum of two (2) Ed\_MthSc 800 credits to take the exam.

### Purpose and Assumptions

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The Preliminary Examination is a test of knowledge. The products used for this assessment should illustrate your ability to ***synthesize relevant research*** in order to evidence your working knowledge of:

- important area(s) of science and/or mathematics education,
- tensions that exist in a given field and the various stances towards them, and
- various research methodologies and implications of choosing one over another.

The following three assumptions must be met:

1. The preliminary examination includes both written and oral components.
2. The committee chair and you will identify the appropriate option for committee approval.
3. The preliminary examination must be passed before defending a dissertation proposal.

### Options

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There are two options to consider for the preliminary examination:

1. *Critical synthesis of research, theory, and practice, and oral defense.* This option will stem from three questions posed by the chair and committee members in consultation with you. You have three weeks total time to respond to all questions. Once all responses are received and reviewed, an oral defense will occur.
2. *Alternative comprehensive product.* This option allows you to submit a written proposal to your chair and committee that describes an alternative comprehensive assessment product.

### Overview of Process

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In regard to Option #1, it is likely that the chair will involve you in generating the examination questions, but the chair and committee are responsible for the final versions. You will have three weeks to prepare the written response. The responses are expected to be clear and concise, and with sufficient depth to address the questions in full. Each response should be approximately 10-15 pages, though this can vary depending on the question. The entire collection of responses should never exceed 50 pages. You are allowed to ask clarifying questions of your chair and committee but must compose question responses without feedback or support from anyone. Question topics vary, but it is likely that the questions will involve theoretical frameworks (i.e., WHAT is the grounding for your research interests), literature review (i.e., WHY your research interests are important), and methodology (i.e., HOW your research interests will be operationalized). You will be expected to prepare a brief presentation (approximately 15 minutes) to begin the oral defense, to be followed by questions from and discussion with the committee members. There will be no feedback provided between the written and oral portions of the preliminary exam related to the content or quality of your preliminary exam responses. The faculty advisor can describe the structure/protocol of the oral exam but will not provide feedback on content. The rubric to evaluate the preliminary examination will be used initially by committee members to evaluate the written response; you should ask your chair for a copy of the rubric. However, the final evaluation of the examination will apply the rubric to the totality of the examination, which includes the written response and the oral defense.

In regard to Option #2, the process will be negotiated in conjunction with the committee as details are dependent upon the nature of the alternative comprehensive product. A rubric will be used by committee members to evaluate the alternative comprehensive product (modifications to the rubric will be made as appropriate by the committee to align with the agreed upon product); you should ask your chair for a copy of the rubric. The final evaluation of the examination will apply the rubric to the totality of the examination, which may also include an oral defense of the alternative comprehensive product.

### **Scheduling the Preliminary Exam (Official Defense)**

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After all committee members have had the opportunity to read the written component of the examination, the oral component is scheduled. You must be enrolled at the beginning of the term in a minimum of two (2) credits of Ed\_MthSc 800 to take the exam. Scheduling the Preliminary Examination with your committee includes setting the date, location and time of the meeting. It is your responsibility to ensure that all members of the committee agree and the location is reserved.

You must complete the [Preliminary Examination Scheduling Form](#) and it is uploaded through your myWSU > Profile > Service Request for electronic approvals within myWSU. Only completed forms will be processed and must be submitted at least 15 business days prior to but not counting the exam date.

### **Oral Component and Balloting**

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Once all committee members have had the opportunity to read the written component of the assessment, the oral component (approximately one hour in length) of the assessment is scheduled. All committee members must be present with at least one faculty member in the room with you during the oral exam. Following the oral examination, committee members meet to discuss the results and ballot on whether you pass or fail the assessment. The ballot meeting, which is scheduled in coordination with the Graduate School, may occur immediately following the oral exam or up to ten days after the examination. All members of your committee must attend the oral exam and the ballot meeting, and all must vote. The final ballot result is either a pass or fail. After the ballot meeting, your advisor will notify you regarding the results, and you may request written notification from the Graduate School. After the ballot meeting, you can also contact your chair to discuss the results.

## Repeating the Preliminary Examination

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In the event of a failed first attempt, a second and final attempt may be scheduled after a period of at least three months, but no longer than two academic semesters (excluding summer). When scheduling a second exam, the scheduling form must be submitted through *myWSU* at least 20 business days in advance of the exam day. A member of the Graduate Mentor Academy will be appointed by the Graduate School and must be present at re-examination. The entire committee must be present and vote. If you have failed two examinations, you will be dismissed from the Graduate School. Should there be procedural irregularities or extenuating circumstances during the first or second examination, you have the right to appeal to the Graduate School in the event of examination failure.

Please note that scheduling a second exam has different timing and requirements, please check with the COE Office of Graduate Education for more information ([gradstudies@wsu.edu](mailto:gradstudies@wsu.edu)).

## Thesis/Dissertation Guidelines

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### Initial Considerations

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As you transition into the independent research (dissertation) phase of the program there are a couple of things to keep in mind.

#### 1. Complete Human Subjects CITI training.

Before you can begin any research using human subjects, you need to complete the required human subjects training (most often for students in education this means completing the Social and Behavioral Research training module. While we strongly encourage you to complete the training upon entering the program, CITI training can be obtained at any point prior to submission of your IRB forms (see p. 10 for details about accessing the training). After approval of the D1 and prior to any data collection, you must obtain WSU Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval to conduct your dissertation research involving human subjects. The IRB letter of approval must be submitted to your committee chair and the College of Education Office of Graduate Education *before* you commence data collection. You may submit a copy to the Office of Graduate Education when you receive the confirmation, but it must be submitted no later than when your Dissertation/Thesis Acceptance/Final Examination scheduling form is submitted. Failure to gain approval prior to data collection shall result in rejection of the final dissertation and prevent you from scheduling the final doctoral examination.

The IRB form for approval of human subjects research is available on the IRB website <http://www.irb.wsu.edu/>. The IRB form must be signed by the chair of your committee and the department chair before it is submitted. Review of the request generally takes 5-10 days; at which time you will be informed by email as to whether your research is approved.

#### 2. There are two different format options for the dissertation.

- a. Option 1 is the standard form (five-chapter dissertation format).
- b. Option 2 is the two publishable research article form. Please note that a publishable paper is a paper that the committee agrees is ready to send to a journal, with a research journal named. The committee needs to agree that these are reasonable and sufficiently rigorous journals to target to meet the criteria of dissertation. You and the committee need to understand that it may take more time to prepare two papers as a dissertation because the final dissertation will include the two papers, along with additional information for the committee to understand a

broader sense of the data, data analysis, and other information that might be needed for requested revisions.

The format you choose (in consultation with your major advisor) will have implications for the D1 and D2. These implications to formatting the D1 and D2 will be highlighted in the sections below.

## **Dissertation Research Proposal (D1) - Overview**

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The dissertation "...is a scholarly, original study that represents a significant contribution to the knowledge of the chosen discipline" (WSU Graduate School Policies and Procedures). A dissertation research proposal (College of Education refers to this as the D1) is a concise and convincing overview of the research you propose to undertake for the dissertation.

The following section describes the dissertation proposal, how to complete a dissertation proposal, and the various steps involved in completing the dissertation. Please read the descriptions and guidelines carefully.

It is recommended that several semesters before your Preliminary Examination you should be working with your advisor/committee to define your area of research, identify specific research questions, and prepare the dissertation proposal (D1). While the D-1 may be developed prior to or after the Preliminary Examination, you may only formally present your proposal to your committee after the Preliminary Examination has been passed. The advantage to providing a draft of your D-1 to your committee prior to the Preliminary Examination is that the research you are proposing to conduct may help the committee formulate examination questions that will benefit you during the dissertation phase of your doctoral work.

It is recommended you submit the written D1 to your advisor/chair and schedule a meeting to obtain feedback. Your advisor's/chair's feedback should be used to revise and clarify the D1. When you and your advisor/chair are satisfied with the D1, provide a copy to your committee for feedback. At that time, you and your advisor/chair will set the date and schedule the D1 Proposal meeting at which you will provide a formal presentation of your proposal to your advisor/committee and other students/faculty in the program (see below for scheduling and approval).

You may enroll in research credits (Ed\_MthSc 800) during the semesters in which you develop the proposal, and you must enroll in those credits while working on the dissertation.

## **Development of a Dissertation Proposal (D1)**

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There are two options for the D1, described below. You are expected to work closely with your dissertation chair and committee in constructing the D1.

The D1 should address the following questions:

1. What is the rationale for the study? Why is it important?
2. What is the problem, issue, question, or hypothesis?
3. What theoretical perspectives will frame the study's formation, execution, and implications?
4. What have others speculated, asserted, found, and/or concluded about this problem, issue, question, or hypothesis?
5. What do you propose to do to investigate, explore, or examine your topics?
  - a. What is the research methodology and why is it appropriate for the specific research questions?



- b. Who will you observe, test, teach, interview, etc. (i.e., who will be the participants/subjects)?
  - c. What instruments or measures will be employed to conduct those activities?
  - d. How will you conduct the study (procedures)?
  - e. How will you organize or analyze the resulting data (analysis)?
  - f. What will be your intervention (if applicable)?
  - g. What are your study's limitations? Are there threats to validity or trustworthiness?
6. What knowledge will be added to the literature that was not known before? How is your study proposal going to significantly impact the field?

Written drafts of the D1 should be submitted to your committee chair, who will provide feedback. Your chair's feedback should be used to revise and clarify the D1. When you and your committee chair are satisfied with the D1, provide a copy to your committee for feedback. You and your chair will decide upon the means of obtaining your committee's feedback (e.g., a meeting, presentation, written comments submitted to you or the chair).

The writing process varies from one committee to the next. It is important that the proposal be clearly written and thorough prior to submission to the full committee. The committee should focus on substantive feedback, not writing and formatting errors. You will be expected to seek support, such as the Writing Center, for substandard writing wrought with structural errors. Once your chair has agreed that the proposal is complete and ready to be viewed by the other committee members, provide adequate time (minimum of two weeks) to review drafts of your proposal. Committee members will assess the completeness and quality of the proposal and could request further revisions once they have reviewed the proposal draft.

## Writing the Dissertation Proposal (D1)

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The dissertation proposal must be written according to the style specified in the latest edition of the Publication Manual of the APA, a WSU Quick Guide is available at <http://www.wsulibs.wsu.edu/quickguides/apa>. The APA style (7th edition) templates may be found here <https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/paper-format/sample-papers>.

While you will develop the format for the proposal with your chair, the proposal should address the six questions listed in the D1 Development Proposal section.

### **Suggested format of D1 for Option 1:**

**Chapter I. Introduction (or Statement of Problem).** This section should address Questions 1-3 listed in the D1 Development Proposal section. This chapter provides a clear and concise view of what is to be studied and why. The phenomenon under study should be described, along with a brief analysis of the manner in which this phenomenon has been addressed in the extant literature. A discussion of the theoretical frameworks involved in the study should be discussed, and then expanded upon in Chapter 2. When appropriate, relevant contexts and autobiographical information may be provided to situate the study. Note that this chapter does not provide a complete literature review. In addition to the research question/hypotheses and analysis of how the phenomenon has been addressed in the literature, you should provide an overview of your research methodology and the implications of your proposed research. It is recommended that research questions are clearly stated somewhere in this chapter.

**Chapter II. Review of the Literature.** This section should address Question 4 listed in the D1 Development Proposal section. The structure of the literature review chapter will vary according to your topic and the approach you take to justify, based on the extant literature, your research questions and

proposed method of investigating them. The review is a well-integrated document in which material is organized logically under headings and subheadings, consistent with the APA Publication Manual format. The review is selective. It does not include material unrelated to the research questions. Summary tables of relevant research are often appropriate. A good review identifies the theories, frameworks, primary research findings, adequately and inadequately documented conclusions, needed research, and implications of findings for theory and practice. Views and findings are more often restated, synthesized, and/or critiqued rather than quoted. Expansion on the theoretical framework should occur throughout, and/or in a specific subsection.

**Chapter III. Methodology.** This section should address Questions 5 and 6 listed in the D1 Development Proposal section. The material in this chapter will vary depending on the nature of your proposed study. In general, the chapter should provide detailed information about the participants (who), procedures (how, when, where), data (what), and analysis. Topics may include:

1. Operational definitions.
2. Characteristics of participant(s). Provide a complete description of the participants, including the number of participants, how they will be selected, and the participant characteristics that are important to the study (e.g., age, gender, experience, education level).
3. Research design. If it's an ethnographic study, for example, describe your approach (e.g., participant-observer) and elaborate on what that will mean. For a quantitative study, describe the type of research (e.g., quasi-experimental), experimental and control groups, dependent and independent variables, and research design (e.g., post-test comparison of randomly selected control and experimental groups). Be clear and provide an argument as to why the chosen research design is appropriate for the research questions. A discussion of the epistemological stance you have as a researcher and the degree to which this surfaces in your research design is helpful.
4. Instrumentation. Include a detailed description of any data collection instruments and/or procedures, including, if relevant, information about the validity and reliability. If you develop a new instrument, provide details about how you will develop the instrument, including, if relevant, how you will assure the instrument is valid and reliable. Instruments that are not commonly known should be appended to your proposal.
5. Apparatus. Thoroughly describe any equipment to be used in the conduct of the study.
6. Materials. Give a complete description or provide examples of any materials to be used in the study (e.g., written scenarios to which participants will respond).
7. Procedures. Provide a step-by-step description of how you will conduct the study. This should incorporate and tie together the other elements of the methodology (i.e., participants, research design, instrumentation, etc.).
8. Analysis. Describe in detail how you will analyze the data. It's insufficient to simply state an analytic method (e.g., constant comparative method, ANOVA). Instead, indicate which data, including subsets of data, will be subjected to which analytic methods and how the results relate to specific research questions.

The D1 should end with a discussion of the anticipated implications of your work, as well as potential limitations of the study and threats to validity or trustworthiness.

### **Suggested format of D1 for Option 2:**

Because the D1 for Option 2 will support the creation of two publications, it should be consistent with the front matter (Introduction, Conceptual or Theoretical Framework, Literature Review, Methodology) of the eventual articles to be produced, but in a more expanded form. In general, the D1 should be consistent with the content expected of the D1 for Option 1 and should also be grounded in the six questions listed in the D1 Development Proposal section.

For the D1 for Option 2, you are expected to compose a rationale and description of the study(s) related to *each* of the two papers. Although many published articles have abbreviated theoretical framework, literature review, or methodology sections due to space constraints or journal norms, these should not be abbreviated for the Option 2 D1. It may be appropriate to edit down these sections at a later time for publication, but a substantive review of the literature and detailed description of the theoretical frameworks and methodology are required.

The first two chapters should be similar to Option 1. The contents of the Option 2 D1 should include 1) an Introduction, 2) a conceptualization of the study or studies that will result in the construction of the two papers to be written, with detailed discussion of the research questions and plans for the nature and dissemination outlets of the two papers, 3) discussion of Theoretical Framework and Literature Review related to all research questions, and 4) description of the methodology(s) related to each.

The D1 should end with a discussion of the anticipated implications of your work, as well as potential limitations of the study and threats to validity or trustworthiness.

### **Scheduling the D1 Defense**

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When you and your committee determine you are ready for the formal presentation of the proposal, you must complete and submit a [Dissertation Proposal \(D-1\) Scheduling form](#) that can be obtained in the College of Education Office of Graduate Education. This includes reserving a room for your defense, which can be done in the College's Dean's office. You must secure the signatures of your committee and submit the D1 Scheduling Form to the Office of Graduate Education ([gradstudies@wsu.edu](mailto:gradstudies@wsu.edu)) who will then secure the signature of the department chair and place the form in your file. Non-Pullman students should work with their campus advisors to facilitate this process.

The formal dissertation proposal consists of a presentation in a colloquium that is open to the public. The presentation includes the opportunity for questions from your committee members and others in the audience. Immediately following the colloquium, your doctoral committee will meet to recommend approval or disapproval of the D1 as indicated on the [Dissertation \(D1\) Proposal Approval Form](#):

- a) approved as presented;
- b) approved, subject to revisions as specified by the committee;
- c) approved, subject to revisions as specified and subject to further review and approval by the committee; or,
- d) approval denied.

Approval or disapproval of the dissertation proposal is documented by committee members' signatures on the D-1 approval form and submitted to the Office of Graduate Education ([gradstudies@wsu.edu](mailto:gradstudies@wsu.edu)).

### **Writing the Dissertation**

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The dissertation "...is a scholarly, original study that represents a significant contribution to the knowledge of the chosen discipline" (WSU Graduate School Policies and Procedures). You must enroll for research credits (Ed\_MthSc 800) in the semesters you work on the dissertation.

Upon approval of the D1, CITI training and receipt of the IRB approval for human subjects research, you may begin the study as outlined in the methods section of your proposal. Upon completion of data collection and analysis, you are ready to write the dissertation.

### ***Option 1: Standard Form***

In its final form, the standard dissertation usually includes five chapters—the three described in the previous section (see suggested format for D1 option 1) plus the results and discussion chapters. It is not uncommon for these chapters to undergo several iterations before final approval.

**Chapter IV. Results.** This chapter provides a detailed presentation of the results. Do not interpret the results, draw conclusions, or relate the findings to the extant literature. Examples of results include descriptive and/or inferential statistics, and themes, with supporting data, that emerged from analysis of qualitative data. The chapter is often organized around the analyses conducted for each research question.

**Chapter V. Discussion.** This chapter focuses on the meaning of the study and the significance of the results. The chapter typically begins with a brief summary of what was done and why. This is followed by a presentation of the results as they relate to the research questions. The discussion tends to be more conceptual than empirical and specific results are noted only as evidence to justify the assertions and conclusions related to the research questions. The discussion explains what the results may mean. The discussion may focus on why more support was not found to support or refute the research questions, or on the meaning of the support that was found. The discussion is a thoughtful analysis of the results obtained. It's appropriate to acknowledge the limitations of the research, state the implications of the findings for both theory and practice, and make recommendations for future research.

The following format should be followed for submission of the Option 1 Dissertation:

- WSU front matter [Title, copyright, signature, Acknowledgements, Table of Contents, List of Tables (if any tables), List of Figures (if any figures), Dedication (optional)]
- Body of the work
  - Ch. 1: Introduction (or Statement of the Problem)
  - Ch 2: Review of Literature
  - Ch 3: Methodology
  - Ch 4: Results
  - Ch 5: Discussion
- References
- Appendices

### ***Option 2: Two Publishable Papers***

Those who undertake this option are required to prepare two publishable papers. The papers are expected to be “publication ready” and eventually submitted to appropriate outlets. You may collaborate with committee members and others in the writing process but should be the sole or first author of both papers. See the above discussion of Preliminary Examination, Option 2 for further guidance. Please note, a publishable paper is a paper that the committee agrees is ready to send to a research journal, with a journal named. The committee needs to agree that these are reasonable journals to target. The committee will formulate specific recommendations regarding appropriate outlets for the papers. On balance, the papers should represent scholarly work in line with the expectations outlined in a traditional dissertation. You and the committee need to understand that it may take more time to prepare two papers as a dissertation. The final dissertation will include the two papers, along with additional information for the committee to understand a broader sense of the data, data analysis, and other information that might be needed for requested revisions.

The following format should be followed for submission of the Option 2 Dissertation:

- WSU front matter [Title, copyright, signature, Acknowledgements, Table of Contents, List of Tables (if any tables), List of Figures (if any figures), Dedication (optional)]
- Body of the work
  - Ch. 1: Introduction, similar to that described in the suggested format of D1 for Option 1, found above; a brief overview of the two articles should also be included
  - Ch 2: Article #1
  - Ch 3: Brief transition chapter explaining connections between the two articles
  - Ch 4: Article #2
  - Ch 5: Conclusions and Implications
- References
- Appendices

Note: Your committee may require an additional chapter as deemed necessary, such as a separate Theoretical Frameworks chapter.

### Alternative Formats

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Alternative formats to the dissertation formats described above must be approved by the Department and the Graduate School. Once your committee has approved the alternative format proposal, your committee chair requests approval from the Department's Graduate Committee. They, in turn, seek approval from the Graduate School.

### Final Examinations (D2 Exam)

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#### Timeline for the Final Examination

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No later than the deadline (listed on the university calendar) of the semester in which you plan to graduate, you must Apply to Graduate, a link in your myWSU student center, though it is recommended you apply at least one semester before the final oral examination is scheduled so that you can be notified of graduation requirements (to-do lists) before enrolling for your last semester. If you do not graduate in the semester for which you applied, you must reapply for the degree. However, the fee is paid so it carries over from semester to semester for one calendar year.

The semester prior to scheduling the final examination, you should review the Graduate School Deadlines and Procedures Summary (available at <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/facultystaff-resources/18-2/>). Reviewing the Summary at that time will allow you time to complete any deficiencies.

You should also obtain a copy of the Digital Dissertation and Thesis Guidelines (available at <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/facultystaff-resources/18-2/>) which will be slightly different than APA or other formatting. This document includes important information about the format of the dissertation title page, signature page, and abstract; copyright releases; submission of digital dissertations.

**You should work with your advisor to develop a detailed/comprehensive timeline for completing the written part of your dissertation.** Plan for substantial time to work with your Chair on multiple drafts and to allow the committee to review your work well in advance of scheduling. Your advisor and committee will review the entire dissertation. Revisions may be and often are required before the committee is satisfied that you are ready for the final oral defense. With the entire committee's consent that the written document is ready you are then ready to schedule the final oral examination. Please be aware that you will need to have a completed draft of the entire dissertation at least 30 days prior to your final defense date (not including weekends). For fall semester this means you will need to have a

completed draft by at least mid-October and for spring semester, you will need to have a completed draft by mid-March.

### **Scheduling the Final Examination (D2)**

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With the committee's consent that the written document is ready, you and the committee will need to agree upon a date, time, and have the location of the defense reserved. The following steps all need to happen almost simultaneously at least 15 business days before your defense date:

1. You must be enrolled in a minimum of two (2) credits of Ed\_MthSc 800 at the beginning of the term you defend your D2.
2. You must Apply for Graduation.
3. Complete the scheduling of the final oral examination by providing your committee a completed [Scheduling Final Examination Form for Dissertation/Thesis degrees](#). The form is uploaded by you through your myWSU account > Profile > Service Request for electronic approvals within myWSU. The form will be electronically approved by your committee and department chair and ultimately the Graduate School.
4. Committee members' agreement for the Exam form signifies preliminary approval of the dissertation that is suitable in content and format for submission to the UMI/ProQuest through the [WSU Libraries Dissertation site](#). Although the ETD Administrator from UMI/ProQuest checks the dissertation, this pre-check does not constitute final acceptance as this check is for formatting issues only, content will be reviewed by your committee.
5. Committee members must be given the entire dissertation a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to any deadline for scheduling the defense.
6. At the same deadline, your dissertation draft must be sent to the Office of Graduate Education ([gradstudies@wsu.edu](mailto:gradstudies@wsu.edu)) for announcements within the College of Education.

The examination must be scheduled at least four months, but less than three years, after satisfactory completion of the Preliminary Examination. The Graduate School will schedule the final examination and publicly announce the examination in an appropriate campus-wide publication. Final examinations shall be scheduled during regular business hours and only during academic sessions.

### **Final Examination**

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The final oral examination is primarily a defense of the dissertation but may also cover the general fields of knowledge pertinent to the degree. The examining committee shall include your doctoral committee and any other members of the faculty in attendance who are eligible, according to COE criteria, to participate on dissertation committees. Your committee chair will be responsible for conducting the final examination. While the examination is open to the public, only those faculty members eligible to participate on doctoral committees may ask questions and vote. All members of your doctoral committee must attend and vote with at least one faculty member in the room with you during the defense. In order to pass the final oral examination, a minimum of three-fourths of those voting must vote to pass you.

In the event of a failed first attempt, a second and final attempt may be scheduled after a period of at least three months, but no longer than two academic semesters (excluding summer). When scheduling a second exam, the scheduling form must be submitted through *myWSU* at least 20 business days in advance of the exam day. A member of the Graduate Mentor Academy will be appointed by the Graduate School and must be present at re-examination. The entire committee must be present and vote. If you have failed two examinations, you will be dismissed from the Graduate School. Should there be procedural irregularities or extenuating circumstances during the first or second examination, you have the right to appeal to the Graduate School in the event of examination failure.

Please note that scheduling a second exam has different timing and requirements, please check with the COE Office of Graduate Education for more information ([gradstudies@wsu.edu](mailto:gradstudies@wsu.edu)).

### **Dissertation Submission and Binding**

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After you pass the final oral examination, you have ten (10) business days to submit your final corrected digital copy of the dissertation to UMI/ProQuest. The final upload link will be located on the email confirmation page from the precheck.

Additionally, you must upload to your myWSU portal> Profile > Service Request a PDF copy of the [Thesis/Dissertation Approval form](#), and the [Hold Harmless Agreement/Copyright Acknowledgement](#).

As a doctoral student, you have the additional task of completing the online [Survey of Earned Doctorates](#) (SED), emailing the confirmation page to [gradschool@wsu.edu](mailto:gradschool@wsu.edu).

You must submit a copy of the thesis to your chair either in electronic format or on paper, their choice (binding is optional and decided upon by the chair). Any additional copies submitted to the other committee members are up to your advisor.

### **Graduate Student Exit Survey**

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After completing the final examination, you are strongly encouraged to complete the College of Education's online Graduate Student Exit Survey. A link to the survey will be sent by the Office of Assessment and Accreditation.

### **Awarding of the Degree**

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After you have completed the degree requirements for the doctorate and your student account is cleared, your transcript will be posted with your degree at the end of your defense term. You will receive the diploma approximately 6-8 weeks after your degree is posted and be eligible to be hooded by your committee chair or designee at the next commencement. Please note: your diploma will not be mailed unless you have a Diploma Mailing Address on file in your myWSU account.

### **Graduate Assistantships and Financial Aid**

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#### **Teaching and Research Assistantship Appointments, Scholarships and Financial Aid**

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Funding for graduate students varies across the campuses. The Department of Teaching and Learning has approximately 10 teaching assistant (TA) positions on the Pullman campus. These positions are competitive and are awarded primarily to graduate students with previous teaching experience in the United States. The department attempts to support graduate students for more than one year, so a limited number of TA appointments become available each year. TA appointments are half-time positions that come with a tuition waiver, monthly stipend, and health benefits. The department discourages additional employment while holding a TA appointment.

Availability of assistantships on other campuses are available periodically; you should inquire with faculty and academic advisors on those campuses for information on possible opportunities.

**TA appointments** require full-time enrollment (i.e., minimum of 10 semester hours during the spring and fall terms). A TA typically teaches two courses each semester under the supervision of a faculty member.



A TA must enroll in Tch\_Lrn 527 for one-credit in each semester of the TA appointment, up to a total of three credits (i.e., three semesters). The course covers teaching and learning, inquiry, and professional issues.

**Research assistantships (RA)** may be available through funded projects on all four WSU campuses. RA appointments require full-time enrollment. RAs typically work under the direction of a faculty member. RA appointments include a tuition waiver, monthly stipend, and health benefits. In addition, other assistantship opportunities are available in other units on campus. Whenever possible the department will provide assistance in identifying possibilities for funding outside of the college.

At the time of appointment, you will receive a letter that delineates the specific responsibilities of the appointment.

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## Scholarships and Other Financial Aid

**College of Education Scholarships:** Scholarships are available through the COE. Applications are available through University Scholarship Services in November and are due January 31st of the following year for the upcoming academic term. Awards generally begin at approximately \$2000. For more information, contact the COE Scholarship Coordinator (509-335-7843) or visit the website: <https://education.wsu.edu/students/scholarships/>.

**Other Financial Aid:** For additional financial aid information, contact the WSU Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarship Services (509-335-9711) or visit the website: <https://financialaid.wsu.edu/home/>

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## Travel

You are strongly urged to attend professional meetings; sometimes, the department may have funds to pay some student travel expenses. Advisors may use grant or project monies to pay partial travel expenses for you to attending meetings. The GPSA disburses some grant-in-aid travel funds, which can be used for travel to professional meetings. Application forms for student travel grants may be obtained from the Graduate and Professional Student Association. Note: GPSA funding is contingent upon you paying Pullman student fees, if you are not paying these fees, you will not be eligible for payout. It is advisable to apply for a travel grant if you are presenting a quality paper at a professional meeting. In addition, space may be available in university vehicles, or some faculty members may share travel expenses. Please see the note in the next section regarding obligations in regard to work-related travel.

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## Business Policies

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### Leave Guidelines

#### **Leave from the Program (not on an assistantship)**

If you decide that a leave of absence is necessary, you must petition for such status through your advisor and, ultimately, the Department Chair. Such petitions must state the reasons for requesting a leave of absence and present a plan for completing the remainder of the doctoral program. The plan must include a timetable specifying when the course and program requirements will be completed. The Department Chair will not consider any request for leave until you, in conjunction with your advisor, submits such a plan.

You will file a [Graduate Leave Status form \(GLS\)](#) through your myWSU account. Please note that GLS is

only awarded once in your degree career.

If you have passed your preliminary examination and are not required to be enrolled for a visa or other required enrollment purposes, you may choose to go on Continual Doctoral Degree Status (CDS). Please read up on requirements and eligibility in the Graduate School Policies and Procedures ([Chapter 5.A.2.a](#)). Please note that this does not extend your time to degree; you are expected to make a plan with your advisor and committee, to keep communication open and progress on your dissertation.

### **Leave Guidelines (appointed on an assistantship – TA, RA or SA)**

During appointments, all graduate assistants are expected to be at work each workday, including periods when the University is not in session (no classes being held), except on the legal holidays designated by the Board of Regents. All University holidays are designated by the Board of Regents and are published in the WSU Announcements/Insider and posted on the web (<https://hrs.wsu.edu/>). Graduate students on appointment do not earn annual leave or sick leave.

### **Travel:**

For liability purposes, all students seeking to obtain financial reimbursement for work-related travel must complete a Travel Authority form. Contact your campus academic advisor for access to this form. This form must be submitted, signed by the Department Chair, and initialed by your advisor/chair at least 21 days before a trip. In some circumstances, work-related travel advances may be obtained by submitting a request at least four weeks before the trip. If funds are available, reimbursement for travel expenses is made by completing and submitting a Travel Expense Voucher within one week upon return. Only approved travel will be reimbursed.

### **Checkout/Exit:**

Before departure from WSU-COE, you must leave a forwarding address with the COE Office of Graduate Education, return all keys and equipment to the main office, and consult with your advisor about your research and office space.

### **Grievances:**

If grievances arise, you should discuss the problem with your advisor/chair and the Graduate Coordinator(s). If additional consultation is needed, please consult the Department Chair or Unit Director, or as a final resort, the WSU Ombudsman. The WSU Ombudsman Office is in Wilson Hall, Room 2, phone (509) 335-1195, and is available to students on all campuses.

### **Dissertation Library:**

Former student dissertations may be found through the WSU Library system by using the search engine <https://libraries.wsu.edu/>.

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### Program Administration

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## New Student Information

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<i>Residency Requirements</i>	<a href="https://gradschool.wsu.edu/establishing-residency/">https://gradschool.wsu.edu/establishing-residency/</a>
<i>Email:</i>	<a href="https://office365.wsu.edu">https://office365.wsu.edu</a> Log in with your WSU NID and password
<i>Parking and Map</i>	<p>Pullman: <a href="https://transportation.wsu.edu/">https://transportation.wsu.edu/</a> <a href="https://transportation.wsu.edu/parking-maps/">https://transportation.wsu.edu/parking-maps/</a> or <a href="http://map.wsu.edu/">http://map.wsu.edu/</a></p> <p>Spokane: <a href="https://spokane.wsu.edu/facilities/parking/">https://spokane.wsu.edu/facilities/parking/</a></p> <p>Tri-Cities: <a href="http://tricities.wsu.edu/campusmaps/#top">http://tricities.wsu.edu/campusmaps/#top</a></p> <p>Vancouver: <a href="http://admin.vancouver.wsu.edu/parking/parking-services">http://admin.vancouver.wsu.edu/parking/parking-services</a></p>
<i>I-9 Forms</i>	<p>WSU employs only U.S. citizens and aliens who are authorized to work in the U.S. in compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. A list of acceptable documentation may be found here <a href="http://hrs.wsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/I9-Acceptable-Documents-9-27-17.pdf">http://hrs.wsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/I9-Acceptable-Documents-9-27-17.pdf</a></p>
<i>W-4 Forms</i>	<p>U.S. Citizens: <a href="https://payroll.wsu.edu/taxes/">https://payroll.wsu.edu/taxes/</a></p> <p>Non U.S. Citizens: <a href="https://payroll.wsu.edu/non-u-s-citizens/">https://payroll.wsu.edu/non-u-s-citizens/</a></p>
<i>Tax Information</i>	<p>U.S. Citizens: <a href="https://payroll.wsu.edu/taxes/">https://payroll.wsu.edu/taxes/</a></p> <p>Non U.S. Citizens: <a href="https://payroll.wsu.edu/non-u-s-citizens/">https://payroll.wsu.edu/non-u-s-citizens/</a></p>
<i>Social Security Numbers</i>	<p>Significance and correction of an SSN and application pointers: <a href="http://www.wsu.edu/payroll/stntpay/sscardappoint.htm">http://www.wsu.edu/payroll/stntpay/sscardappoint.htm</a></p>
<i>Central Services and Facilities</i>	<p><i>Student Services, including Health and Counseling Services</i></p> <p>Pullman: <a href="http://osae.wsu.edu/">http://osae.wsu.edu/</a></p> <p>Spokane: <a href="https://spokane.wsu.edu/studentaffairs/">https://spokane.wsu.edu/studentaffairs/</a></p> <p>Tri-Cities: <a href="https://tricities.wsu.edu/current-students/student-affairs/">https://tricities.wsu.edu/current-students/student-affairs/</a></p> <p>Vancouver: <a href="http://studentaffairs.vancouver.wsu.edu/">http://studentaffairs.vancouver.wsu.edu/</a></p> <p><i>Libraries</i></p> <p>Pullman: <a href="http://www.wsulibs.wsu.edu/">http://www.wsulibs.wsu.edu/</a></p> <p>Spokane: <a href="https://spokane.wsu.edu/library/">https://spokane.wsu.edu/library/</a></p> <p>Tri-Cities: <a href="http://www.tricity.wsu.edu/Library/index.html">http://www.tricity.wsu.edu/Library/index.html</a></p> <p>Vancouver: <a href="http://library.vancouver.wsu.edu/">http://library.vancouver.wsu.edu/</a></p>

## Appendix A

### Student Advising Sheet

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **WSU ID:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Degree Program:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Date	Grade
<b>Required Foundational Core Courses (13 credit minimum)</b>				
<i>Required courses:</i>				
TCH_LRN 581	Learning and Development in Mathematics and Science	3		
TCH_LRN 584	Research in Teaching Mathematics and Science	3		
ED_MTHSC 598	Research Seminar in Mathematics and Science Education (1 credit/semester: 4 credits required but may be taken for up to 6 credits)	4		
<i>One of the following courses:</i>				
TCH_LRN 512	Language and Cultural Factors in Mathematics	3		
TCH_LRN 574	Science for All: A Multicultural Perspective	3		
<b>Required Research Core (18 credits)</b>				
ED_PSYCH 507	Introduction to Qualitative Research	3		
ED_PSYCH 508	Educational Statistics	3		
ED_RES 562	Epistemology and Inquiry in Educational Research	3		
ED_RES 563	Principles of Doctoral Research	3		
ED_RES 564	Qualitative Methods	3		
ED_RES 565	Advanced Statistical Analyses and Quantitative Research	3		

<b>Supporting Cognate Area (12 credit minimum)</b>				
	Enter your courses here			

<b>Additional Optional Courses** (3 credit minimum)</b>				
	Enter your courses here			

**TOTAL GRADED CREDIT (43 minimum)** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Research, Dissertation, and/or Examination (20 credits minimum)</b>				
ED_MTHSC 800	Research, Dissertation, and/or Examination			

**TOTAL CREDITS FOR ALL SECTIONS (72 minimum)** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

\*\* Faculty strongly suggest taking these courses only after completing at least 2 semesters and 12 or more credits. Faculty also strongly suggest you consider including Ed Res 571: Dissertation Preparation as an elective course.

\*\*\* Graduate School Policy regarding undergraduate courses:

No more than 9 credits of non-graduate (300-400 level) credit graded course work may be used for the total credits for the Program of Study.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature date

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature date

**Addendum**

Additional courses students or faculty suggest might be of interest:

PHIL 540 Ethics in Research for the Social Sciences (3 credits)

Tch\_Lrn 582 Academic Writing for Dissertations and Publications (3 credits)

## Appendix B

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### Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program

#### Student Annual Review

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According to policies established by the WSU Graduate School and Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program faculty, you are required to complete a written annual review of progress by completing this form. Please provide particular detail in the **commentary sections** of Part 3 (“Progress on Learning Goals”) and ending **statement of progress**, including any steps taken to address comments from past annual reviews. A list of scholarly work over the past academic year should be listed after the final prompt. In addition, please submit an **updated vita**. All students will be informed in writing of the results of this review.

Your progress through the program will be partly based on these materials and will be discussed annually by the program faculty.

Please schedule a meeting with your advisor/chair to discuss your progress and future plans after submitting your written report.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Committee Members (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. Goals and Plans

Please describe your professional goals for after you complete your Ph.D.

Please list key activities and accomplishments that you plan to engage in/produce during your program so that you are prepared to meet your goal. If possible, include approximate dates/timeline for these activities.

#### 2. Program Status

Program entry year: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Credits completed by the end of the current semester: \_\_\_\_\_



Full-time or part-time program attendance (*if part-time, indicate credits taken per semester this year*):

Completed CITI Training? Yes No

Approved Program of Study submitted to Graduate School? Yes No

Scheduled or successful completion of Comprehensive/Preliminary Exam? Yes No

### 3. Overall Academic Performance

a. Most recent cumulative GPA in program: \_\_\_\_\_

b. List any courses with grades below “B”:

c. List any courses with incomplete (“I”) grades:

### 4. Progress on Learning Goals (The student completes the following, including comments, to use in discussion with the advisor)

a. I can locate, analyze, and synthesize research literature, and apply that synthesis to problems of practice.

Not yet applicable      Emerging      Proficient

Satisfactory Progress \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

b. I can effectively communicate scholarly work through written, oral, and/or alternate formats.

Not yet applicable      Emerging      Proficient

Satisfactory Progress \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

c. I can skillfully inquire into areas of program-related interest.

Not yet applicable      Emerging      Proficient

Satisfactory Progress \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

d. I show scholarly habits of curiosity, inquiry, skepticism, and data-based decision making.

Not yet applicable      Emerging      Proficient

Satisfactory Progress \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

e. I value diversity and demonstrate this value in pedagogical and inquiry endeavors.

Not yet applicable      Emerging      Proficient

Satisfactory Progress \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

f. I can conduct and disseminate original scholarship that demonstrates acquisition and application of new knowledge and theory.

Not yet applicable      Emerging      Proficient

Satisfactory Progress \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

g. I show potential as an emerging expert in my area of study.

Not yet applicable      Emerging      Proficient

Satisfactory Progress \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

**Please provide a statement of progress documenting your yearly and cumulative progress, including any steps taken to address comments from past annual reviews.**

**Please list any publications and presentations you completed over the past academic year.**

**List 3-5 specific goals for the next year.**

**An updated cumulative vita should also be submitted.**

## Appendix C

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### MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

#### PhD Program Rubric Preliminary Examination

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Student:

Faculty Committee Member:

#### 1. WRITING QUALITY

*The writing is appropriate for academic, scholarly outlets and conforms to standard writing formats.*

Criteria include:

- The student's writing is clear, focused, and organized
- The student's writing is scholarly in nature and utilizes appropriate theoretical and empirical research as appropriate
- The student's writing makes use of effective examples as appropriate
- The student's writing is void of significant errors of fact, logic, citation

Check one of the following:

\_\_\_ Unsatisfactory    \_\_\_ Acceptable    \_\_\_ Good    \_\_\_ Excellent

Reasons:

#### 2. SCHOLARLY QUALITY

Evidence of the student's ability to synthesize relevant research in order to demonstrate a working knowledge of the following three areas:

*A. Important area(s) of science and/or mathematics education*

Criteria include:

- The student shows deep, nuanced knowledge of at least one particular area of study
- The student shows awareness of major findings and academic leaders in a particular area of study
- The student, where appropriate, situates specifics in a larger context
- The student coherently makes connections across multiple areas of mathematics and/or science education

Check one of the following:

\_\_\_ Unsatisfactory    \_\_\_ Acceptable    \_\_\_ Good    \_\_\_ Excellent

Reasons:

*B. Tensions (problems, unresolved issues) that exist in a given field and the various stances towards them*

Criteria include:

- The student discusses the underlying reasons that different stances are taken
- The student identifies, articulates, and discusses relevant problems that exist in an area(s) of mathematics and science education
- The student identifies, articulates, and discusses significant gaps in the literature in an area(s) of mathematics and science education

**Check one of the following:**

\_\_\_ **Unsatisfactory**    \_\_\_ **Acceptable**    \_\_\_ **Good**    \_\_\_ **Excellent**

**Reasons:**

*C. Various research methodologies and the implications of choosing one over another*

Criteria include:

- The student demonstrates satisfactory knowledge of quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methodologies
- The student discusses the implications of and rationale for selecting one methodology over another
- The student connects particular research methods to investigations of a current problem in an area of mathematics and science education

**Check one of the following:**

\_\_\_ **Unsatisfactory**    \_\_\_ **Acceptable**    \_\_\_ **Good**    \_\_\_ **Excellent**

**Reasons:**

## Appendix D

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### Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Bylaws

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Washington State University

Administrative Home: Department of Teaching and Learning

**Last Revised – by Faculty April 21, 2014, November 2014, March 2016**

Faculty Senate Approval Date: GSC Approved 2.17.2015

#### I. Objectives

- A. Degree offered: Ph.D.
- B. Discipline: Mathematics and Science Education is a general reference to the fields of teaching and learning in the subject areas of mathematics and science from pre-kindergarten to graduate school.
- C. Mission of the Program: The Ph.D. in Mathematics and Science Education develops scholars capable of making important contributions to the research base, professional context, and learning environments related to mathematics and science education.

#### II. Membership

- A. Graduate Faculty within the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. program may be WSU tenured and tenure track faculty, WSU non-tenure track faculty, or WSU adjunct faculty, subject to the limitations and definitions in this document. All Graduate Faculty must be “Initial Program Faculty” (listed in Section XI of this document) or subsequently approved as Graduate Faculty through the process outlined in section B below.
  - 1. WSU Campus Participation
    - a. The doctoral degree in Mathematics and Science Education is offered through the Pullman campus of Washington State University. The faculty and campuses at Vancouver, Spokane, and Tri-Cities contribute to and support this program; they are integral to the functioning of the program.
    - b. Approved tenured and tenure track Mathematics and Science Education Graduate Faculty at all regional campuses may participate equally in the Mathematics and Science Education program as supporting site faculty with full program rights and responsibilities. As such they are entitled to act as chair, co-chair, or member of graduate student committees; teach graduate courses; supervise research; and act as a program director or committee member.
  - 2. Graduate Faculty Participation

- a. Graduate Faculty participation in the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program is independent and separate from academic department, school, or college affiliations.
- b. All active members of the Graduate Faculty of the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program are eligible to vote on program issues.

3. Disciplinary Expertise

Graduate Faculty within the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program are expected to have a PhD or equivalent doctoral-level degree in a field related to mathematics and/or science education. In addition, they must have demonstrated disciplinary expertise in a field related to mathematics and/or science education, interest and experience in mentoring and teaching of graduate students in this field, and relevant professional accomplishments.

4. Active Research Appropriate to the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program

Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty must be actively involved in research and graduate level teaching related to mathematics and/or science education as evidenced by continuing scholarly or creative work and evidence of substantial involvement in graduate education, including recent external grant or contract support, related peer-reviewed publications within the last 5 years, graduate student mentoring within the last 5 years, teaching of relevant graduate level courses, or other relevant professional accomplishments. New faculty without previous involvement in graduate student advising can satisfy this requirement by having a named mentor whose role is to help the faculty member advise and direct graduate students.

5. Non-Tenure Track Graduate Faculty

a. Internal to WSU

Non-tenure track Graduate Faculty internal to WSU include research, career-track and affiliate faculty. If these non-tenure track faculty internal to WSU have a **history of active** Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty participation and hold a Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral degree, they may be entitled to teach graduate courses in the program and act as members of graduate student committees, including chair or co-chair. On a case-by-case basis, the tenure-track Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Faculty will consider whether a non-tenure track Graduate Faculty member internal to WSU, with a history of active participation in the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. is eligible to undertake any or all of the above duties. Approval is subject to review of a signed petition and review of the faculty's curriculum vita at a Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. program meeting, and is subject to subsequent majority vote.

b. External to WSU

Professionals who are not WSU faculty may be granted Graduate Faculty participation within the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program if they hold a Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral degree and are first officially approved as adjunct faculty for WSU. Adjunct faculty who are approved as active Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty



are entitled to act as a member of graduate student committees; teach graduate courses; and supervise research. They may not serve as student committee chair or co-chair, or as a Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Committee member.

#### 6. External Individual Committee Members

- a. ***Individual Committee Member Internal to WSU:*** Individuals not officially participating as Graduate Faculty within the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program (for example, a faculty member from another WSU department or program) may serve on graduate committees as long as they hold a Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral degree and are a member of the Graduate Faculty in their own program or discipline and their committee appointment is approved by the Coordinator of the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program.
- b. ***Individual Committee Member External to WSU:*** Individuals not officially participating as Graduate Faculty within any graduate program at WSU (for example, a faculty member from another university or research entity who holds a Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral degree) may be approved to serve as a dissertation committee member for an individual student on a case-by-case basis. The committee chair for that student should forward the name and a curriculum vitae of the desired committee member to the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Coordinator. With approval of the Program Coordinator, the nomination (with accompanying CV or other documentation of expertise) is forwarded to the Chair of the Department of Teaching and Learning for approval, followed by forwarding to the Dean of the Graduate School for final approval.

#### B. Application for Membership

1. Initial Graduate Faculty within the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program are listed in Section XI of this document and have been approved by the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program existing faculty, Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Coordinator, the Chair of the Department of Teaching and Learning, and Dean of the Graduate School.
2. Candidates for Graduate Faculty participation within the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program should be nominated by an existing Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty member or may self-nominate. The nomination should include a letter of nomination, and a curriculum vitae for the nominee. The Program Coordinator will circulate application materials to all active Graduate Faculty prior to voting. Acceptance as Graduate Faculty requires a positive vote from a majority of faculty who respond to the vote.
3. In addition to a commitment to maintain the highest standards of mentoring for graduate students, anticipated contributions or qualifications for all successful Graduate Faculty applicants include history of regular attendance or, in the case of new faculty, participation in Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program faculty meetings plus one or more of the following:

- a. History or reasonable expectation of an active, funded research program that can plausibly be relied upon as the source of continuing support of a Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program graduate student.
- b. History of or willingness to participate as appropriate in administrative, teaching, and other functions of the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. graduate program. This may include serving on graduate program administrative committees; serving as a dissertation committee member or chair; or providing graduate level instruction.
- c. History of publication of peer-reviewed manuscripts in a discipline related to Mathematics and Science Education.

C. Continuation of Active Membership

1. Graduate Faculty appointments to the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program will be reviewed for continuation of active membership by the Program Coordinator every 3 years with one-third of the membership reviewed each year. They will be evaluated for contributions to graduate instruction, research, and teaching. Contributions to the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program shall be a requirement for continued active membership. Contribution may take the form of:
  - a. Committee chair, co-chair or member for graduate students in the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program
  - b. Teaching or co-teaching a graduate course in the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program
  - c. Supervising research for graduate students in the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program
  - d. Serving in the administrative and committee structure of the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program, including roles as Coordinator, Co-coordinator, or committee member
2. Faculty who do not make any of the contributions as stated in C.1 above to the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program for three consecutive years will be designated as inactive Graduate Faculty. Inactive Graduate Faculty do not have voting rights. Initiation of any of these activities described in C.1 above will result in eligibility for restoration of active Graduate Faculty designation, upon approval of the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty, as outlined in Section II.B.2.

D. Discontinuation of Membership

Upon request of an active or inactive Graduate Faculty member, that individual membership will be discontinued. They may reapply for Graduate Faculty participation at any time.

E. Membership Appeal Process

Faculty appeal of any membership decision in the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program must be made in writing to the Coordinator of the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program within 30 calendar days of the decision. The appeal is determined by a majority vote of all Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program

Graduate Faculty (see Section IX for definition of quorum). Final written appeal may be made to the Chair of the Department of Teaching and Learning and the Dean of the Graduate School within 30 calendar days of the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty vote.

### **III. Administration**

Administration of the program and its activities is vested in the Coordinator with advice from members of the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Committee.

### **IV. Program Coordinator**

- A. The Coordinator of the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program will be elected in the Spring semester prior to the academic year of service. Candidates for the Coordinator position can be nominated or self-nominated at a meeting during that time. Only active Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty are eligible for the position and to vote. In the case of more than one candidate, the candidate receiving the highest vote total will be named Coordinator. Final approval of the Program Coordinator resides with the Chair of the Department of Teaching & Learning and the Dean of the College of Education.
- B. The Coordinator shall serve a term of 2 years and is eligible for re-election if nominated to continue in this position in accordance within the terms of the initial appointment and with final approval of the Chair of the Department of Teaching & Learning and the Dean of the College of Education as described in IV.A above.
- C. Whenever possible and appropriate, the Coordinator will also serve as the Assistant Coordinator the year before taking the Coordinator position. The Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program will hold elections for the Coordinator on even years, and elections for the Assistant Coordinator on odd years.
- D. The Coordinator or Assistant Coordinator may be removed from office by a majority vote of all active Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty and with the approval of the Chair of the Department of Teaching & Learning and the Dean of the College of Education as described in IV.A above.
- E. Duties of the Coordinator
  - 1. Provide overall academic leadership for the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program.
  - 2. Consult the Assistant Coordinator as needed in regard to decisions about program, students, or faculty, especially in cases when the full program faculty cannot be included in decision-making.
  - 3. Develop and implement policies for the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program when needed.
  - 4. Represent the interests of the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program to the campus and University administrators.
  - 5. Call and preside at meetings of the Graduate Faculty of the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program.
  - 6. Be responsible for coordinating all the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program administrative matters within the Graduate School.

7. Submit course or curriculum change or approval forms and ensure that faculty are aware of the need, have discussed, and approve of the change.
  8. Submit bylaws changes or approval forms.
  9. Be responsible for the accuracy of all publications related to the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program including student handbooks, recruitment materials, web pages, and catalog copy.
  10. Coordinate the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program graduate course teaching assignments and scheduling with relevant department chairs and campus academic directors.
  11. Supervise the activities of the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Academic Coordinators as they relate to the program.
- F. The duties of the Assistant Coordinator are to consult with the Coordinator on decisions for which the Coordinator would like a second opinion but for which the full committee does not need to be convened. The Assistant Coordinator may also run Program meetings if requested to do so by the Coordinator.

## V. Committees

- A. Faculty Committee  
Advises and assists the Coordinator in administering the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program, and assists with recruitment, admission, and curriculum. All active Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty comprise the Faculty Committee.
1. Areas in which the Faculty Committee shall assist and advise the Coordinator include:
    - a. Review, develop and update long-range goals for the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program and plans for their attainment. These ideas shall be reviewed annually.
    - b. Serve as a sounding board for new ideas, changes, etc., in academic or administrative issues.
    - c. Provide guidance on administration of the Program.
    - d. Nominate members for service on other committees.
    - e. Assist with the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program assessment process.
    - f. Develop an annual recruitment plan, set goals, implement and assess the plan.
    - g. Review all student applications and in conjunction with the Coordinator, decide the disposition of applications as to acceptance or rejection in a timely manner.
    - h. Make recommendations to the Coordinator regarding the financial support of graduate students for their first year.
    - i. Review the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program curriculum.
    - j. Make recommendations for curricular improvements/renewal.
  2. Other Committees  
Other ad hoc committees may be appointed by the Faculty Committee and Coordinator as needed. Addition of new, or changes to the existing, standing committees must be approved by amendment of bylaws.

## **VI. Graduate Student Committees**

- A. The initial selection, or subsequent changes, of a graduate student's committee shall be determined jointly by the student and the student's advisor. In accordance with the Policies and Procedures of the Graduate School at WSU, graduate students are not permitted to serve on the committees of other graduate students.
- B. The graduate committee of each student shall have a minimum of three members for all College of Education graduate degrees.
  - 1. The committee chair requires tenure track and Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Contributing Faculty, with the exception that the Graduate Faculty can approve a clinical faculty member as chair on a case by case basis, as described in Section II.A.5. In all cases, at least two of the committee members must be active Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty members and at least two of these members must hold permanent WSU tenure-track status. All committee members must hold a graduate doctoral degree comparable to the degree sought by the candidate.
  - 2. Fourth committee member: For any non-WSU member, or for any non-tenured/non-tenure track WSU faculty outside the Graduate Program, please attach a vitae and include a rationale in the Program of Study to be reviewed for approval by the Dean of the Graduate School.
  - 3. The Chair of the Department of Teaching and Learning must approve the committee composition.
- C. As specified in the Graduate School's Policies and Procedures, the performance of each graduate student shall be reviewed annually.

## **VII. Student Representatives**

At the discretion of the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Coordinator and Faculty, student representation may be added or deleted from any committee structure. In accordance with the Policies and Procedures of the Graduate School at WSU, graduate students are not permitted to serve on the committees of other graduate students.

## **VIII. Graduate Faculty Meetings**

- A. The Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Coordinator shall call Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty meetings as needed but at least once per academic year. All attempts will be made to provide a written agenda in advance.
- B. Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the Coordinator or the Faculty Committee.
- C. A special meeting of the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty may be called by petition of 3 or more Graduate Faculty members.
- D. Efforts will be made to communicate items of interest, including notification of a faculty meeting, to the faculty via e-mail. Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty Meetings shall be called with a minimum of 1 week's notice.

## **IX. Quorum**

- A. For all general graduate faculty meetings and votes unless otherwise indicated, a quorum shall be defined as a minimum of 50 percent of the Program membership.
- B. For programmatic committees to conduct a business meeting, a quorum shall be defined as a minimum of 50 percent of the committee membership.
- C. Unless otherwise indicated, a simple majority of the total number of ballots cast are required to pass a motion.
- D. In the event of a tie vote in which the entire graduate faculty is eligible to vote, the Program Director will decide the outcome of the vote. For tie votes that occur within programmatic committees, the committee chair will decide the outcome of the vote.

## **X. Amendments to Program Bylaws**

- A. The Program Bylaws document shall be reviewed every fifth year by the Faculty Committee and annually by the Coordinator.
- B. Amendments to the Bylaws may originate from any eligible Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty member. Proposed amendments must be forwarded to the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Faculty Committee and Program Coordinator. After discussion, amendments shall be forwarded to the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty electronically at least 2 weeks prior to the faculty meeting at which the amendments will be discussed. After discussion, a minimum 2-week period will follow the faculty meeting prior to vote. Votes on amendments may occur at a faculty meeting or electronically. Amendments to the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Bylaws require a positive vote from the majority of all active Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty.
- C. All amendments and revisions must be submitted to the Department of Teaching and Learning, the Graduate Studies Committee and Faculty Senate for review and final approval.

## **XI. List of Graduate Faculty Participants**

- A. List of Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Contributing Faculty Participants:  
 Andy Cavagnetto  
 Jonah Firestone  
 Molly Kelton  
 Kristin Lesseig  
 Lindsay Lightner  
 Amy Roth McDuffie  
 Judy Morrison  
 David Slavitt  
 Ethan Smith
- B. The Coordinator of the Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program is responsible for submitting an updated list of active and inactive Mathematics and Science Education Ph.D. Program Graduate Faculty participants to the Chair of the Department of Teaching and Learning and the Dean of the Graduate School for approval annually.