

J.D.-Focused 54-Credit Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction in the Cultural Studies, International Education, and Multicultural Education (CSIEME) Concentration Sub-Plan

This **54-credit J.D.-focused-Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) in the Cultural Studies, International Education, and Multicultural Education (CSIEME) concentration sub-plan in the Department of Teaching and Learning (T&L)** (hereafter also referred to as the “54-credit CSIEME Ph.D. program” or the “CSIEME Ph.D.”) is geared for scholar-practitioner-activists interested in concurrently (and in some cases, consecutively) earning a Ph.D. and a J.D. in order to advance social change at the intersections of law and education and through educational justice (e.g., Social Justice Legal/Education, Analysis of the School-to-Prison Pipeline, Restorative Justice Practices in Schools and Communities) and education-related legal advocacy (e.g., Immigration Law, Family Justice Clinic, Community Law). With these degrees in hand, graduates will be prepared for variety of career opportunities including, but not limited to, as community- and school-based legal advocates, Civil Rights lawyers, public service-minded legislators, diversity-focused PK-12 and higher educational administrators, educational equity policy analysts, faculty in cultural and Ethnic Studies, critical multicultural education, and related disciplines, and as community-embedded educational activist-scholars.

Students admitted to the 54-credit CSIEME Ph.D. program, and to a J.D. program (at UNLV or, potentially, elsewhere) may pursue both degrees concurrently (and in some cases, consecutively). Pursued individually, the J.D. degree (at UNLV) requires the completion of 89 credit hours, and the “*non-J.D.-focused* CSIEME Ph.D.” degree (formally known as the T&L 60-credit Ph.D. program in C&I in the CSIEME concentration sub-plan) requires the completion of a minimum of 60 credit hours. This J.D.-focused CSIEME Ph.D. program requires the completion of 80 Law J.D. credit hours (at UNLV) and 54 CSIEME Ph.D. credit hours (9 hours of the CSIEME Ph.D. courses will be accepted toward the J.D. degree (at UNLV), and 6 hours of Law J.D. courses will be accepted toward the CSIEME Ph.D. degree program).

Admission

New applicants must apply for, and gain admission to, both the Boyd School of Law J.D. program (or another J.D. program) and to the 54-credit CSIEME Ph.D. program. Admission requirements are the same as those listed under the regular J.D. (at UNLV or elsewhere) and for the “*non-J.D.-focused* CSIEME Ph.D.” Contact the William S. Boyd School of Law and the Department of Teaching and Learning/CSIEME program for further information on admissions requirements.

More specifically, students can be admitted to the 54-credit CSIEME Ph.D. program in three ways:

- 1) have already completed a J.D. from an ABD-accredited law school;
- 2) be already-admitted to law school (including the William S. Boyd School of Law); or,
- 3) be concurrently applying to law school (including the William S. Boyd School of Law).

Applicants from current students in either a J.D. or the “*non-J.D.-focused* CSIEME Ph.D.” program will be considered as well. These students must apply for, and gain admission to whichever program they are not currently enrolled in.

Students who are already admitted to, or who are concurrently applying to, law school must have completed or must complete one year of law school coursework before beginning Ph.D. coursework. UNLV’s William S. Boyd School of Law does not award credit for any class taken before matriculation. Accordingly, 54-credit CSIEME Ph.D. students who are pursuing their J.D. at UNLV are required to enroll at the Boyd School of Law and complete one year of study before taking any Ph.D. courses.

Application Process

To apply for the J.D.-focused 54-credit CSIEME Ph.D. program, all materials required for the Ph.D. and all materials required for the J.D. must have been/be submitted in the usual fashion for both degree programs. See UNLV Law School application information [here](#). Application to the 54-credit CSIEME Ph.D. goes through the UNLV Graduate College Gateway system accessible from [here](#).

Degree Requirements

J.D./Ph.D. candidates who subsequently decide to pursue only the J.D. or Ph.D. must complete the solely selected degree program in its entirety subject to the same rules and requirements as the students not pursuing the J.D./Ph.D.

J.D./Ph.D. candidates must comply with the requirements for all students regarding the maximum amount of time for completion of a degree program. At UNLV, the maximum for fulltime day-division students to complete requirements for the J.D. degree is 5 years; the maximum period for part-time, evening division students to complete requirements for a J.D. degree is 6 years. The UNLV Graduate College imposes a 6-year time limit for completion of a Ph.D. (though, through an appeal process, students may request additional time if they have shown good progress toward completion).

In consultation with their advisor/committee chair, 54-credit CSIEME Ph.D. students must organize a dissertation committee of at least two faculty members in the Department of Teaching and Learning, including a chair from the CSIEME concentration area, and one faculty member from the Law School (with doctoral committee member Graduate Faculty Status in the Department of Teaching and Learning). In addition, a fourth member from outside the department, known as the Graduate College Representative, is also required. An additional committee members may be added at the student’s and their committee chair’s discretion.

For 54-credit CSIEME Ph.D. students who are pursuing their J.D. at UNLV, student honors and class ranks at the William S. Boyd School of Law will be computed based solely on law coursework.

Ph.D. Curriculum: Ph.D. in C&I/CSIEME Concentration Sub-Plan: 54 Credits

Coursework for the Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with a Concentration in Cultural Studies, International Education, and Multicultural Education (CSIEME) is comprised of requirements in:

- Common core of degree coursework
- Common core of research coursework
- Concentration core coursework
- Concentration elective coursework
- Law School elective coursework
- Doctoral Dissertation

Curriculum and Instruction Required Courses

6 Credits

CIG 761: Theoretical Foundations of Education

CIG 790: Doctoral Research Seminar

Research Required and Elective Courses

12 Credits

Research Required Course – Credits: 6

EPY 718: Qualitative Research Methodologies (PRE-REQUISITE: EPY 702: Research Methods)

EPY 721: Differential and Inferential Statistics

Research Elective Courses – Credits: 6

Complete two additional advisor-approved research courses. These courses may include, but are not required to include, the following courses:

CIG 690: Teachers as Action Researchers

CME 770: Critical Inquiry and Praxis (Indigenous Methodologies)

EPY 719: Advanced Qualitative Research

EPY 720: Research Design in Education

EPY 729: Qualitative Case Study Research

EPY 730: Advanced Research Methods

EPY 738: Interpretive Analysis of Text and Discourse

9 Credits

CSIEME Specialization Required Courses

CME 710: Cultural Studies in Education

CME 720: International and Comparative Studies in Education

CME 745: Theory and Research Multicultural Education

CSIEME Specialization Elective Courses**9 Credits**

Complete 1-3 additional advisor-approved specialization courses; see "Free Electives in the J.D. below."

These courses may include, but are not required to include, the following courses:

CME 705: Multicultural Education [satisfies [Regulation 130-18](#) and [NRS 391.0347](#) requirements]

CME 700: Social Justice Education

CME 730: Intersectional Analysis in Multicultural Education

CME 735 Multicultural Curriculum Transformation [satisfies [Regulation 130-18](#) and [NRS 391.0347](#) requirements] CME 740: Intergroup Dialogue Facilitation

CME 750: Critical Multicultural Education [satisfies [Regulation 130-18](#) and [NRS 391.0347](#) requirements]

CME 755: Teaching about Latina/Latino Experiences in Education

CME 760: Critical Race Theory in Education

CME 765: Analysis of the School-to-Prison Pipeline

CME 775: Multicultural Organizational Development

CME 780: Critical Whiteness Studies in Education

CME 785: Restorative Justice Practices in Schools and Communities

CIG 773: Critical Literacies/Critical Pedagogies

EDH 609: Leading Diverse Organizations

EDH 714: Understanding Minority-Serving Institutions

EDH 740: Comparative and International Higher Education

EDH 780: Seminar: Teaching in Higher Education

[Free Electives in the J.D. (transferred in lieu of 2 CSIEME electives) 6 Credits]

CSIEME Applied Research and Practice Internships**6 Credits**

CIG 791: Internship in Curriculum and Instruction

(Students may enroll in a maximum of 3 credits in one semester, typically students enroll in 3 credits focused on research and 3 credits focused on teaching over two consecutive semesters.)

Doctoral Dissertation**12 Credits**

EPY 799 Doctoral Dissertation

UNLV J.D. Curriculum for 54-Credit CSIEME Ph.D.: 80 Credits

Required Law Courses 44 Credits

Civil Procedures/Alternative Dispute Resolution I	3
Civil Procedures/Alternative Dispute Resolution II	3
Constitutional Law I	3
Constitutional Law II	3
Contracts	5
Criminal Law	3
Lawyering Process I	3
Lawyering Process II	3
Professional Responsibility	3
Property I	3
Property II	2
Third Semester Lawyering Process Course	3
Torts	4
Upper Level writing-intensive course (one of various courses)	1-3

Directed Electives at Law School 9 Credits

Complete three advisor-approved directed electives; see "Free Electives in the 54-Credit CSIEME Ph.D. below."

These courses may include, but are not required to include, the following courses:

Advanced Advocacy	3
Community Law Practicum	1-2
Critical Race Theory	2-5
Disability Law	3
Domestic Violence and the Law	3
Economics and the Law	3
Education Clinic	3
Education Reform: Policy, Advocacy, and the Making of the Law	2-3
Employment Discrimination Law	3
Employment Law	3
Family Justice Clinic	6
Family Law	3
Federal Indian Law	3
Government and Public Interest Externship	4-7
Immigration Clinic	1-6
Immigration Law	3
Labor Law	3
Law and Religion	2-3
Mediation	6
Mediation Clinic	6
Negotiation	3
Special Topics in Law	2-4
(e.g., Alternative Dispute Resolution, Elder Law, Not for Profit Organizations, Negotiation and Mediation Advocacy, and Voting Rights)	

**[Free Electives in the 54-Credit CSIEME Ph.D.
(transferred in lieu of 3 Law electives)]**

9 Credits]

Free Electives in the Law School

27 Credits

Students in the J.D./Ph.D. program must complete 27 credits of “free” electives at the law school. These “free” elective courses may come from the list of directed electives or from any other elective offered at the law school.

Students anticipating practice in a certain area are encouraged to refer to the Course Planning Guide in the Law School Student Policy Handbook for suggested course sequences.