The Doctor of Economic Development (DED) is a professional doctorate designed to provide advanced training for economic development professionals. It is not designed to prepare graduates for academic careers.

Requirements

Candidates for the DED enter the program with the equivalent of a master's degree. DED students must successfully complete 60 graduate credits beyond the hours required for entry. All students must meet the requirements specified in the general regulations and requirements for admission to the Graduate School and to candidacy. DED minimum admission requirements include:

1. related master's degree or equivalent coursework;
2. one course in intermediate microeconomic theory and one course in intermediate macroeconomic theory with minimum grades of B;
3. one course in college-level calculus with a minimum grade of B; and
4. one course in statistics, including simple regression with a minimum grade of B.

Additionally, students who have not completed graduate level courses in AEEC 501 Microeconomic Theory, AEEC 502 Macroeconomic Theory, AEEC 540 Econometrics I with grades of B or better will be required to successfully complete these courses early in the DED program.

All students in the DED program must successfully complete the following:

- ECDV 550 Introduction to Local and Regional Development 3
- ECDV 651 Economic Development Theory 3
- ECDV 661 Regional Economic Modeling I 3
- ECDV 662 Regional Economic Modeling II 3
- ECDV 664 Population Economics 3
- ECDV 668 Economic Development Finance 3
- ECDV 671 Sustainable Economic Development 3
- ECDV 692 Seminar in Economic Development (take twice) 3+3
- ECDV 681 Urban Economic Development 3
- ECDV 682 Rural Development 3
- ECDV 683 Seminar in National Economic Development 3

Specialty area (six semester hours) 6

12-15 semester hours of internship and final project 12-15

Select sufficient elective credits to fulfill the 60 hour requirement. 3

Total Credits 60

Note: Doctor of Economic Development (DED) students who enter the DED with a master's degree may, upon completion of all requirements for the MA in Economics, apply for the MA in Economics degree and count courses that overlap with the DED requirements toward the DED. Students must apply separately for the MA Econ program and master's degree must be conferred before the DED.