

Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Research in Education

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A Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Research in Education is available from the College of Education to eligible students enrolled in a doctoral program at Georgia State University. To earn the certificate, students must complete a minimum of seven 3-credit-hour doctoral-level qualitative research methods courses with a collective GPA of 3.5 or higher in those courses, with no grade lower than a B in any course to be counted toward the certificate.

Four of the seven courses must be the following:

EPRS 8500 Qualitative/Interpretive Research in Education I (3),
EPRS 8510 Qualitative Research in Education II (3),
EPRS 8520 Qualitative Research in Education III (3), and
EPSF 9260 Epistemology of Learning.

The remaining three courses must be doctoral-level qualitative method courses, bearing a call number of 8000 or higher, from the approved list of certificate courses. The list is updated yearly and available in the Department of Educational Policy Studies. A current list of these courses is provided below:

EPRS 8640 Case Study Methods (3)
EPRS 8700 Visual Research Methods (3)
EPRS 9100 Phenomenology & Ethnomethodology: Research Principles in Practice (3)
EPRS 9120 Poststructural Inquiry (3)
EPRS 9400 Writing Qualitative Research Manuscripts (3)
EPSF 9280 Interpretive Inquiry in Education (3)
ANTH 8010 Qualitative Methods in Anthropology (3)
EPSF 9850 Historical Research in Twentieth Century American Education (3)
EPSF 9930 Philosophical Analysis and Method (3)
HIST 8000 Introduction to Historical Research (3)
SOC 8342 Qualitative Methods in Sociology (3)
COMM 8160 Style and Narrative Analysis (3)
COMM 8410 Qualitative Methods (3)

In addition, students must successfully defend a qualitative or multi-methods research dissertation. Although a faculty member from the Research, Measurement and Statistics (RMS) program of the Department of Educational Policy Studies need not be on the student's dissertation committee, the prospectus for the dissertation must be endorsed by an appropriate member of the RMS faculty, as determined by the RMS Coordinator.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible to earn the certificate, students must:

- be enrolled in a doctoral program at Georgia State University

- have completed at least three courses from the College of Education Doctoral Research Core, with a collective GPA in those courses of 3.5 or higher
- submit the proper form to the Department of Educational Policy Studies officially indicating an intention to work toward earning the certificate (the form is available from the Department of Educational Policy Studies or from the Office of Academic Assistance)

Applicants may obtain more information about the RMS Program or the Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Research in Education by contacting:

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