

ENTREPRENEURSHIP (PHD)

Doctor of Philosophy in Entrepreneurship

Unit: College of Business (<http://business.louisville.edu/>) (GB)
Department: Entrepreneurship (<http://business.louisville.edu/eship/>)
Program Website (<https://business.louisville.edu/entrepreneurshipphd/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): ENTRPHD

Program Information

Admission to the program is highly competitive. It is based on an applicant's past graduate and undergraduate school records, score on the graduate management admissions test (GMAT), prior experiences, a personal statement and letters of recommendation.

No specific graduate or undergraduate major is required. However, an MBA is preferred. A student who does not have a master's degree in business may be required to complete a set of courses equivalent to a "core" that is covered in an MBA program. Questions about prerequisites should be directed to the program director. This is a full-time program, requiring year-round study and a 20-hour/week paid research assistantship. Typically, students can finish their coursework in two years and the program in four-to-five years, subject to progress on a dissertation. Students generally take about 15 courses consisting of seminars and directed readings and/or research. A student's curriculum choices are supervised and approved by an advisory committee.

All required courses are offered on a biennial basis in the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters, along with a variety of elective courses.

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The following application materials are required:

- Complete a graduate application (<http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application/>) for admission through the Graduate School.
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work. An undergraduate degree is required. No specific graduate or undergraduate major is required. However, an MBA is preferred. A student who does not have a master's degree in business may be required to complete a set of courses covered in an MBA program.
- Official GMAT score. A GMAT score is required that is no more than two years old from date of application. A GRE score may be substituted for a GMAT score where GMAT testing is not available.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Resume or CV.
- Personal statement about the applicant's interest in entrepreneurship research.
- Applicants with credentials from foreign universities must submit them for evaluation to one of the following services, which will issue a report that will become part of the applicant's application:

- World Education Services www.wes.org (<http://www.wes.org>)
- Education Credentials Evaluator ece.org (<http://ece.org>)
- Applicants with a degree from a non-English speaking university or those for whom English is not their native language must submit a TOEFL (<https://www.ets.org/toefl/>) score.

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Program Requirements

The goal of the curriculum is to produce academic scholars who will present papers at professional conferences, publish papers in academic journals, and teach at the university level. We anticipate that students will be successful academics at leading universities. Because of this, students serve as research assistants during two of their four years in the program. Students teach during the last two years in the program.

After passing qualifying exams, required courses, and writing required papers, students proceed into candidacy and write their doctoral dissertations in their remaining years of the program.

The following are the current curriculum requirements for the Entrepreneurship PhD. Because the state of the knowledge in the field changes, both the content and sequencing of these course requirements may change in order to address topics of current interest. Faculty may change as well.

Applicants should contact the Program Director, Dr. Daniel Holt, at daniel.holt@louisville.edu or (502) 852-0127, if they have questions about the curriculum requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
ENTR 702	Seminar in Research Design I	3
ENTR 710	Statistics I	3
ENTR 745	Entrepreneurship Theory I	3
ENTR 741	Seminar in Research Design II	3
ENTR 724	Seminar in Entrepreneurship from a Strategic Perspective	3
ENTR 711	Statistics II	3
ENTR 725	Innovation and Business Transformation	3
ENTR 746	Entrepreneurship Theory II	3
ENTR 753	Seminar in Family Business	3
ENTR 723	Seminar in Organizational Behavior/Human Resources in Entrepreneurship	3
ENTR 742	Seminar in Entrepreneurship from an Economic Perspective	3
ENTR 703	Venture Capital Seminar	3
ENTR 735	Quantitative Approach to Entrepreneurship Research	3
ENTR 780	Special Topics in Entrepreneurship	1-6
ENTR 731	Independent Study I	3-9
ENTR 732	Independent Study II	3-9
ENTR 734	Independent Study to Prepare Second-Year Paper	3
ENTR 760	Entrepreneurship Directed Readings I	1-6
ENTR 762	Entrepreneurship Directed Readings II	1-6
ENTR 763	Entrepreneurship Directed Readings III	1-6

DOCT 600	Doctoral Candidacy	0
Minimum Total Hours		52-57