

# Early Childhood Education: PHD's Program(040105)

(学术型博士, 4年制)

This program combines individual mentorship (by advisors) and collaborative learning. Major types of learning include course-taking, self-regulated learning, small-group discussion, issues-based research, and thesis writing.

## 1. Length

The general length of this program is 4years (6 years maximum). Upon completing program requirements, students who excelled academically can apply for speed-up graduation.

## 2. Foci of research

Theories in Early Childhood Education

Early Childhood Development and Education

Early Childhood Curriculum and Teacher

Philosophy of Childhood and of Childhood Education

## 3. Types of Courses

Courses include general courses, specific courses and professional courses. General courses include general courses required by the University, such as political theory and foreign languages, and elective courses such as research methods. Specific courses focus on fields of curriculum and instruction. Professional courses further focus on particular research directions in the field.

## 4. Credit Requirements

### (1) Course and Credit

Prior to the procedure of thesis defense, students should obtain credits of at least 15 points. In addition, the following specific requirements should be met.

The political theory courses in general courses include *Chinese Marxism and Contemporary World* (2 credits) and *Selected Readings in Marxist Classics* (1 credit). Foreign language is 4 credits. *Discipline and Ethics in Academic Research* is a non-credit course (self-regulated learning and online assessment).

Students should take at least 5 credits on elementary course and compulsory specialized course, and at least 1 optional specialized course (at least 2 credits).

Students should have interdisciplinary courses (optional) and obtain at least 2 credits..

## (2) Curriculum

Curriculum category	Name	Credit	Semester
Common Courses (compulsory)	Chinese Marxism and Contemporary World	2	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Foreign Language	4	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Discipline and Ethics in Academic Research	/	/
	Selected Readings in Marxist Classics	1	/
Elementary courses (compulsory)	Special Study on Education and Society	2	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Specialized Courses (compulsory/ optional)	Quantitive Research Method(C)	3	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Writing Method of Research Paper(C)	1	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Cross-cultural Studies on Child Development and Early Education(O)	2	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Studies on the Development of Children's Number Concepts(O)	2	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Preschool Education Reform and Teachers Development(O)	2	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Language Learning and Teaching in Multicultural Contexts Background (O)	2	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Philosophy of Childhood and of Childhood Education(O)	2	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	International Policy on Preschool Education(O)	2	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Evaluation of Child Development and Educational Environment(O)	2	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Interdisciplinary Course(optional)		2	

## 5. Scientific Research Requirements

The research results published by doctoral students must meet one of the following conditions:

1). The doctoral student has published one academic paper in SSCI, A & HCI indexed journals, as the first author, or the second author while the supervisor is the first author. East China Normal University must be the first author unit.

2). The doctoral student has published one academic paper in a first-class academic journal of the liberal arts, as the first author, or the second author while the supervisor is the first author. East China Normal University must be the first author unit

3). The doctoral student has published 2 academic papers in CSSCI journals (including extended editions), as the first author. East China Normal University must be the first author unit

A doctoral student can apply for a degree only after the published scientific research results meet the requirements.