

Foundational Themes (continued)

Engagement of Differences

Related to the concern for social justice, a third goal of the doctoral program is for learners to acquire advanced understanding of the complex issues (historical, sociological, psychological, political, philosophical and ethical) related to the presence of difference among individuals and a complex array of alternative identities and social groups.

Interdisciplinarity

A distinctive focus of UI&U's Ph.D. program is its grounding in humanistic inquiry, while bringing together recently developed and developing interdisciplinary fields of study that draw from and advance understanding of ethics, the creative process, and possibilities of social change.



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FOUNDATIONAL THEMES

Study related to the three areas of concentration is undertaken within the context of and pursued with deliberate, sustained attention to the four themes that are central to both the UI&U mission and vision and the Doctor of Philosophy program's focus on intellectual and social commitments. These themes are:

Attentiveness to Social Justice

One of Union's over-arching values is that of social justice. In this context, social justice ensures that each person and group receive their proper due from the storehouse of primary and secondary goods that are available at any given time, within the context of social and political life.

Exploration and Advancement of Creativity

A goal of the Ph.D. program is the development of and experimentation with strategies designed to open up and move beyond present understanding through the creative process of engaging the familiar with the unknown.

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

A concern for the foundational themes is incorporated into the program of study for each of the Ph.D. program's areas of concentration. The Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Studies program offers three areas of concentration:

- **Ethical and Creative Leadership**
- **Humanities and Culture**
- **Public Policy and Social Change**

For a description of each of the areas of concentration, please see: www.myunion.edu/cohort.



PROGRAM FORMAT AND LEARNING DELIVERY

Cohort Model

Learners move through the doctoral program as members of cohorts that are formed within and across the program's three areas of concentration. The cohort model leads to the formation of academic communities through regular and sustained interaction among learners and between learners and faculty.

Content Delivery

The program's academic content is delivered via a hybrid learning model that incorporates interdisciplinary study and the integration of theory and practice with a structured curriculum that allows for flexibility of learner interests through electives and individualized study. Except for the academic residencies, coursework in the program is delivered at a distance by way of synchronous and asynchronous modalities. Learners work on individual and group projects. Learners in the program have access to the university's virtual library with electronic access to readings and resources. Faculty members deliver course content using audio and video formats. Learners and faculty have frequent contact through teleconferences and online discussions. Coursework is submitted electronically using electronic course sites.

Academic Residencies

At the beginning of every January and July new learners and all returning learners come together at an academic residency. Academic residencies are held at sites arranged by the university and provide formal and informal opportunities for

learners to interact with faculty and other learners in mutual sharing and learning. A variety of learning activities occur at academic residencies:

- Introductory meetings of the seminars to be completed during the term
- Overview of UI&U's administrative processes
- Lectures by leading scholars
- Presentations, roundtable discussions, and panels organized by learners and faculty that address important intellectual, professional and social issues
- Professional/creative activities that bring together theory and practice
- Academic advising
- Presentation and discussion of dissertations
- Networking and collaborative learning

Academic Seminars

Study for the program is undertaken through the completion of a sequence of seminars that address:

- The foundational themes
- Academic skills development
- Core and advanced study in a primary area of concentration
- Electives
- Optional study in a secondary area of concentration or area of specialization
- Research methods
- Individualized study

Ph.D. Program Faculty

For information about the program's faculty, please visit www.myunion.edu/cohort

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Within the context of their academic studies in one of the three areas of concentration (Ethical and Creative Leadership, Humanities and Culture, or Public Policy and Social Change), learners in the Ph.D. program have the opportunity to study the intellectual, ethical, spiritual and political legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Potential areas of research include Dr. King's contributions to such areas as non-violent approaches to social and political change, the principles and practices of justice, the role of communities in political organization, and the ethical and civic responsibilities of both religious and secular leaders.

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