

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE  
FORM C  
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**Course Information**

Select Appropriate Program Graduate Degree Program

Name of New or Existing Program PhD in Organization, Information, and Learning Sciences

Select Category Major  Degree Type PhD

Select Action Revision

Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.

See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

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**Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.**

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[Justifications of the Catalog change to the Doctoral Program.docx](#)

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Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications.(upload a doc/pdf file)

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**Are you proposing a new undergraduate degree or new undergraduate certificate? If yes, upload the following documents.**

Upload a two-page Executive Summary authorized by Associate Provost. (upload a doc/pdf file)

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## **Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalogue**

### **Current Catalog:**

#### **Requirements:**

An OILS Ph.D. candidate must complete an approved program of studies, exclusive of the dissertation, of no less than 78 graduate credit hours. All candidates complete the required core courses (18 credit hours), concentration courses (15 credit hours), interdisciplinary supporting area courses (30 credit hours) and research courses (15 credit hours).

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The dissertation for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy must demonstrate an ability to conduct independent research and competence in scholarly exposition. It should present original investigation at an advanced level, of a significant problem and should provide the basis for a publishable contribution to the research literature of the major field.

The Ph.D. degree in Organization, Information, and Learning Sciences includes a minimum 78 course work credit hours plus 18 dissertation hours.

### **Proposed Catalog Change:**

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Current Catalog:

**Doctoral Core (18 credit hours)**

Prerequisites: OILS 501, OILS 541 and EDPY 500 or equivalent courses. Prerequisites are not applied to the 78 credit hours required.

Proposed Catalog Change:

**Doctoral Core (18 credit hours)**

Prerequisites: OILS 501, OILS 541 and OILS 570 or equivalent courses. Prerequisites are not applied to the 78 credit hours required.

The OI&LS faculty proposes to make two changes to the PhD requirements in the catalog: (1) change the pre-requisite of the Doctoral Core requirement, and (2) add a non-traditional (hybrid) dissertation option. This Form C focuses on the second change – the addition of a non-traditional (hybrid) dissertation option.

The OILS faculty proposes to change the dissertation requirement of the program to allow non-traditional (hybrid) dissertation options. The hybrid format allows graduates to produce three publishable papers, which can be published before graduates entering the job market. In the current academic job market, it is crucial to have publications in order to find an academic job; likewise, for students seeking employment outside of academia, the ability to write shorter reports and evaluations is crucial to their success, and better preparation than the traditional dissertation format. Therefore, the faculty proposes the change to make our doctoral graduates more competitive in the job market.

The alternative dissertation requirement and the description of the non-traditional (hybrid) dissertation will be added in the “Requirements” section of the catalog, which is highlighted in red in the following section:

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The OI&LS faculty proposes to change one of the pre-requisites of the Doctoral Core requirement from EDPSY 500 to OILS 570 that is currently submitted for approval (previously offered as OILS 593, Proseminar for OILS). A Form B is submitted for to add OILS 570 to the catalog. The new course focuses on the needs of the OI&LS Doctoral Program, such as literature review and academic writing as well as covering various research methods. The faculty believes that the new course will better prepare the students in doctoral studies by being tailored to our students and content focus.

The Program of Organization, Information, and Learning Sciences proposes to (1) change one of the pre-requisite requirements, and (2) add a non-traditional (hybrid) dissertation option to the Doctoral Program. No faculty workload will be affected by this change.

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