HUMAN AND ORGANIZATIONAL LEARNING

GRADUATE

Master's programs

- Master of Arts in Education and Human Development in the field of organizational leadership and learning (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/education-human-development/masters-program/education-human-development-organizational-leadership-learning)
- Master of Arts in Education and Human Development individualized program (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/education-human-development/masters-program/education-human-development-individualized-program)

Doctoral program


FACULTY

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COURSES

Explanation of Course Numbers

- Courses in the 1000s are primarily introductory undergraduate courses
- Those in the 2000s to 4000s are upper-division undergraduate courses that can also be taken for graduate credit with permission and additional work
- Those in the 6000s and 8000s are for master's, doctoral, and professional-level students
- The 6000s are open to advanced undergraduate students with approval of the instructor and the dean or advising office

HOL 6700. Human Behavior and Learning in Organizations. 3 Credits.
How individuals and groups learn and interact within organizations and how organizations function and learn. Motivation, group dynamics, leadership, systems theory, organizational culture, and change.

HOL 6701. Adult Learning. 3 Credits.
Premises and theories used to meet learning needs of adults. Overview of various learning theories and the impact of various stages of adult development on learners. Topics including self-directed learning, accommodating individual learning needs, and creation of effective learning techniques. Same as HDEV 6701.

HOL 6702. Organizational Change I. 3 Credits.
The assessment of organizational conditions, including collection and interpretation of information, operations, and problems (human, structural, and systemic).

HOL 6703. Organizational Change II. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the concepts, methods, and skills required for effective consultation in organizations, as either an internal or an external consultant. Meeting the human needs in organizations, while improving performance and productivity. Students undertake a consulting project in an organization.

HOL 6704. Leadership in Organizations. 3 Credits.
Developments in theory and research centered on organizational leadership. Emphasis on various types of leadership including transformational, responsible, authentic, and ethical.

HOL 6705. Strategic Change. 3 Credits.
Overview of best practices for organizing and managing people and organizations to compete successfully. Leading an organization through a process of self-examination, redesign, and change that results in sustained effectiveness, learning, and high performance.

HOL 6706. Current Issues in Organizational Leadership. 3 Credits.
Current issues and future trends in organizational leadership. Students gather data and analyze key topics associated with areas such as talent management, leading through demographic shifts, leadership in a globalized world, leading global change, and developing new forms of leadership, ethics, and sustainability.

HOL 6707. Organizational Learning. 3 Credits.
Learning in an organizational context. Processes through which the organization as a system learns, unlearns, changes, and disseminates information. Organizational learning theories address the processes and barriers of gathering, using, developing, and retaining knowledge in organizations.
HOL 6708. Global Leadership. 3 Credits.
The changes taking place in organizations due to the
process of globalization and the requirements for leadership.
The changing global environment, how those changes
influence operational and strategic issues within global
organizations, and how a leader can better understand the
global environment to help organizations meet these new
challenges.

HOL 6709. Leadership Development. 3 Credits.
The processes employed to develop leaders/leadership and
how individuals change as a result of the process. Examination
of the context within which leadership is developed.
Prerequisites: HOL 6704.

HOL 6710. Globalization, Change, and Learning. 3 Credits.
With learning as the coping strategy, focus on how
policymakers and global leaders can be helped to take
advantage of the opportunities and address the challenges that
globalization presents.

HOL 6720. Advanced Strategies for Adult Learning. 3 Credits.
Theoretical and practical strategies of adult learning in
various settings, including corporate environments. Learning
strategies, such as creative thinking and self-directed learning.
Critical adult learning issues.

HOL 6721. Assessing the Impact of Organizational Change
Using Qualitative and Quantitative Methods. 3 Credits.
Knowledge and skills needed to evaluate the impact and return
on investment of change efforts; planning and conducting
systematic evaluations of change efforts, including the choice,
development, and use of various tools for measuring individual,
group, and organizational change; assessing the success of the
planned change.

HOL 6724. Increasing the Capacity to Learn. 3 Credits.
Identification of actions that can help increase the capacity to
learn. Emphasis on experimental learning and critical reflection.

HOL 6725. Internship in Organizational Leadership and
Learning. 3-6 Credits.
Supervised experience in selected areas of leadership,
learning, and/or change. Admission by permission of the
program advisor.

HOL 6742. Design of Adult Learning Interventions. 3 Credits.
Designing and implementing adult learning programs. Topics
include instructional design techniques, designing effective
programs, program planning and marketing techniques,
and conducting needs assessments and evaluations of adult
learning programs.

HOL 6743. Action Learning. 3 Credits.
Processes, principles, and skills necessary to participate in
and lead both single- and multiple-problem action learning
sets. The six dimensions of action learning; educational
psychological, political, sociological, and management theories
underlying action learning.

HOL 6744. Meaningful Workplaces. 3 Credits.
Characteristics of the humane organization and of meaningful
work. Intrinsic motivation, work-life balance, and the workplace
community.

HOL 6745. Technology and Human Resource Development.
3 Credits.
How technology can best be utilized in the HRD environment.
Discussion of CBT, use of the Internet for instruction, and
distance learning techniques.

HOL 6746. Work Groups and Teams in Organizations. 3 Credits.
Exploration of the nature of work groups and teams as they are
utilized in organizational settings. Group and team dynamics,
facilitating and leading skills, and group roles and culture.

HOL 6747. International and Multicultural Issues in
Organizations. 3 Credits.
The impact of culture and globalization on U.S. and
international human and organizational learning programs
and practices. Adult learning and organizational change
approaches that develop and utilize the synergy of a global
workforce.

HOL 6998. Thesis Research. 3 Credits.
Thesis research.

HOL 6999. Thesis Research. 3 Credits.
Thesis research.

HOL 8100. Special Topics in Human and Organizational
Learning - Doctoral Studies. 3 Credits.
Topics to be announced in the Schedule of Classes. May be
repeated for credit.

HOL 8101. Research and Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.

HOL 8700. Foundations of Human and Organizational
Learning. 3 Credits.
The study of individuals and their interactions within an
organizational context. Overview of key theories in leadership,
systems theory, group dynamics, learning, organizational
culture, and motivational theory. The use of research in human
and organizational learning.

HOL 8701. Theory, Research, and Practice in Adult Learning
and Development. 3 Credits.
Learning theories as applied to adults in individual and group
learning transactions; effect of age on learning; psychological,
physical, and social environments in adult education situations.

HOL 8702. Theory and Design of Organizational Diagnosis
and Development. 3 Credits.
Focus on various paradigms through which organizations and
their functions may be viewed; a variety of analytical models of
organizations; techniques for assessing systems; application of
analysis techniques.

HOL 8703. Human Systems Change. 3 Credits.
The classical and contemporary ideas related to social
systems change; the relation of these ideas to current issues in
organizations.
HOL 8704. Leadership Theory, Research, and Practice. 3 Credits.
Leadership in organizations with a focus on transformational leadership. Historical review of leadership theory and research; current developments in understanding leadership. Students examine their own leadership style and plan for continued development as a leader.

HOL 8705. Organizational Culture. 3 Credits.
Theory and research on organizational culture, from the multidisciplinary seminal works in anthropology, psychology, sociology, and management to current day theorizing and empirical research on culture. The rituals, values, and behaviors that differentiate cultural groups and the way cultural identities manifest themselves in organizational practices; and how organizational culture evolves and its relationship to other organizational phenomena such as innovation, strategy, sensemaking, and performance. Current trends in organizational culture theorizing.

HOL 8706. Interdisciplinary Readings in Human and Organizational Learning. 3 Credits.
Seminal works from various disciplines related to current research and practice.

HOL 8707. Advanced Organizational Learning. 3 Credits.
The psychological and sociological paradigms associated with the learning of a collective whole.

HOL 8708. Introduction to Doctoral Research. 3 Credits.
An introduction to scholarly inquiry for doctoral students. The role of the scholar-practitioner; types of scholarly inquiry and their components; diverse paradigms used to frame scholarly inquiry; and critical thinking skills for evaluating research in human and organizational learning.

HOL 8720. Seminar: Applied Research in Human and Organizational Learning. 3 Credits.
Identification of initial constructs and theories that support the identified research interest, with a problem statement and critical analysis of research reports and review of research literature.

HOL 8721. Practicum in Human and Organizational Learning. 3-6 Credits.

HOL 8722. Seminar: Advanced Issues in Human and Organizational Learning. 1-12 Credits.
Forum in which candidates critically examine relevant classic and contemporary literature, with analysis and synthesis to defend their research questions and conceptual frameworks.

HOL 8723. Organizations and Strategy in Human Resource Systems. 3 Credits.
Overview of paradigms, theories, models, and constructs of organizations and strategy to understand organizations and their environments.

HOL 8724. Creating and Planning Doctoral Research. 3 Credits.
Students learn to develop an evidence-based problem statement, design a conceptual framework, craft a research question, and conduct a literature review. Fundamental principles of both qualitative and quantitative research and various research strategies and designs.

HOL 8725. Integration of Theory, Research and Practice. 3 Credits.
Provides students with the opportunity to apply adult learning principles explored in the curriculum towards an integration and synthesis of the knowledge base in human and organizational studies. Aids in preparation for the comprehensive examinations and subsequently, dissertation development.

HOL 8741. Managerial and Organizational Cognition. 3 Credits.
The emerging field of collective cognition in organizations, including theoretical foundations and seminal and current literature on knowledge structures and their role in strategy formation, organizational change, and sensemaking.

HOL 8742. Work, Identity, and Adult Development. 3 Credits.
The influence of work on identity, intellectual and personality development, and other developmental attributes. Same as CNSL 8253/HDEV 8253.

HOL 8746. Work Groups and Teams in Organizations. 3 Credits.
Theoretical understanding and practical considerations of working with groups and teams. Group dynamics, facilitating and leading groups, and member roles. Group facilitation techniques across different group settings and environments.

HOL 8997. Preparation and Delivery of Doctoral Research. 3 Credits.
Students develop and present a mock dissertation proposal, receiving feedback from faculty and colleagues in order to refine their proposal. Prerequisites: none. Recommended background: Students are expected to have developed a literature review, conceptual framework, and research question for their dissertation research prior to enrolling in this class.

HOL 8998. Predissertation Seminar. 3-6 Credits.
Platform for further development of the dissertation proposal.

HOL 8999. Dissertation Research. 3,6 Credits.
Prerequisite: HOL 8998.