



TAYLOR
UNIVERSITY

**Ph.D. in
Leadership**

DISSERTATION TIMELINE

YEAR ONE

- **FALL**
LDR 703 The Research Design and Dissertation Process
 - Awareness of dissertation process, begin brainstorming; Craft research elements
- **SPRING**
LDR 704 Quantitative Data Analysis 1
 - Explore dissertation topic

YEAR TWO

- **FALL**
LDR 706 Quantitative Data Analysis 2
 - Explore dissertation topic further
- **SPRING**
LDR 705 Qualitative Data Analysis
 - Refine dissertation direction
- **SUMMER**
LDR 801 Dissertation Writing Stage 1
 - Establish dissertation essence
 - Identify methodology & sources
 - Topic approval, CITI training, meet with methodologist
 - Begin draft Chapters 1-3

YEAR THREE

- **FALL**
LDR 801 Continued
- **SPRING-SUMMER**
LDR 802 Dissertation Writing Stage 2
 - Write Chapters 1-3
 - Proposal crafted & defended
 - IRB approval obtained
- **SUMMER**
 - Comprehensive Examination → ABD Status

YEAR FOUR

- **FALL-SPRING**
LDR 803 Dissertation Writing Stage 3
 - Research & data analysis
 - Chapter 4 + draft Chapter 5
- **SUMMER**
LDR 804 Dissertation Writing Stage 4
 - Complete Chapters 1-5
 - Defend dissertation
 - Submit final dissertation

**** Students are encouraged to explore their dissertation topic as opportunities allow in all of their courses.**