

DOCTORAL QUALIFYING EXAM
Program in Higher Education
Spring 2007
Part One
[Three hours]

CORE	
General Administration	Research on Students
Research on Higher Education	History of Higher Education
Teaching and Learning	Role of Higher Education in a Democracy

Directions. Answer four of the following questions. Support your response by citing, as appropriate, facts or evidence from the research and literature on higher education. Your answers will be evaluated on your ability to apply critical thinking (analysis and synthesis) of the issues posed and to cite literature and theories to support your answers.

1. From the colonial period in the United States until now, select three events that were pivotal in the development of post secondary education. Why was each of the events significant and how did each affect a change in higher education?
2. Governance in higher education differs from the corporate sector, but some speculate a move toward the corporate model. What are the differences? Which model would you support as best for higher education? How would your position change if you were a college president?
3. The thoughts of John Dewey were controversial at the time of publication. Since then they have been discussed and debated, embraced and dismissed. What influences from Dewey are apparent in higher education today?
4. Unlike the hard sciences, a large percentage of research in higher education is qualitative. Give an example of a study appropriate for qualitative research. Take a position on the value and validity of qualitative research and support it from the literature.
5. Choose two important theories of learning and discuss the significance of those theories and their influences on teaching theory and practices in higher education with support from the literature.
6. Technology has affected every aspect of higher education. State and analyze the impact of technology on teaching, learning, and administration.

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Part Two
[Two hours]

BASE CORE	
Academic Administration Policy Professoriate Educational Resource Development	Finance Student Services, Organization/Administration Human Resource Development in Higher Education Legal Aspects

Directions: Answer any two of the following questions. Support your responses by citing, as appropriate, facts or evidence from the research and literature on higher education.

Answer any two questions.

1. Name five current organizational and management issues affecting student affairs administration in colleges and universities. What are the implications of these challenges for the operation and function of student affairs in the future?
2. Academic freedom became a tenant of the professoriate in the late part of the 19th century. What evoked this addition to professionalism for professors and does it continue to have purpose in teaching and research? Support your position.
3. Describe the distinctions between a law and policy. In areas of dispute, which takes precedence and why?
4. Public colleges and universities, particularly in Texas, are receiving less and less financial support from the state. Based on the literature, give the philosophical and economic rationale for public financial support of higher education. What strategies could be used to ensure financial stability for higher education in a changing economy?
5. How do laws governing due diligence and negligence differ for public and private colleges and universities? Explain and cite legal issues related to both.
6. You are the new advancement office for a small liberal arts college. Historically the college has had an annual sustentation drive targeted toward the alumni. What steps would you take in developing a capital campaign?

7. The change in the name of the Personnel Office to Human Resources Office represents a change in understanding about the employees of an organization. Explain that philosophical change.
8. The dean or chair of an instructional department or division is part of the middle management of an educational institution. What are the challenges of this position in strategic planning, management of budget and supervision of faculty?