

Cognate in College Teaching Option for Ph.D. Students

The Ph.D. degree in economics from the University of New Hampshire is a research degree that gives students a deep understanding of economic theory, institutions, and empirical analysis. Many graduates of the program move into faculty positions at other institutions of higher learning where teaching is an important component of their responsibilities.

The Cognate in College Teaching is a certificate program that provides formal training in pedagogy for students whose career goals include teaching at the college level. The Cognate is an option that Ph.D. students may select in addition to the requirements of the doctoral degree (discussed above). It consists of 12 credits of coursework and a teaching portfolio, which is delivered by the Department and the Teaching Excellence Program in the Graduate School. The Cognate is awarded in conjunction with the Ph.D.. None of the course requirements of the Cognate can substitute for those of the Ph.D..

To elect the Cognate, a student must formally apply and be accepted to the program after at least one year of full-time graduate studies in Economics.

Requirements of the Cognate

1. Courses (12 credits)

- GRAD 950 Issues in College Teaching (2 credits)
- GRAD 951 Teaching with Writing (2 credits)
- GRAD 961 Cognition, Teaching, and Learning (2 credits, online)
- GRAD 965 Classroom Research and Assessment Methods (2 credits, online)
- ECON 978 Teaching Economics (4 credits)
- GRAD 998 College Teaching Portfolio (1 credit)

GRAD 950, GRAD 951, GRAD 961, and GRAD 965 are typically offered in summer. GRAD 998 requires the student to submit an approved teaching portfolio. The teaching portfolio is a collection of materials selected to document, summarize, and highlight one's growth, experience and strengths as a teacher. A portfolio can be very helpful set candidates apart on the academic job market.

Upon completion of the foregoing requirements, the Cognate in College Teaching is awarded and noted on the graduate transcript. For more information see <http://www.unh.edu/teaching-excellence/resources/Programs.html>.