

Level VI — Research and Theory Development (VIT 600–699)

Purpose: Original research, critical examination of foundational assumptions, and development of new theory.

At this level, students should not merely apply Vitonomy's existing models. They should be capable of challenging, improving, extending, or replacing parts of those models when the evidence or reasoning warrants it.

VIT 601

Foundations and Axioms of a General Theory of Existence

Critically examines the foundational assumptions, definitions, and postulates of Vitonomy. Students assess logical consistency, explanatory scope, competing frameworks, and unresolved questions.

VIT 602

Unified Modeling of States, Layers, and Coordinates

Develops integrated mathematical and conceptual models that connect map position, Layer orientation, coordinate profiles, and trajectories while resolving issues of scale, aggregation, and classification.

VIT 603

Laws of Existence: Derivation and Critical Testing

Investigates proposed laws of coherence, integration, fragmentation, adaptation, consequence, complexity, and freedom. Students formulate testable predictions where possible and identify counterexamples and limits.

VIT 604

Comparative Theories of Reality and Existence

Compares Vitonomy with systems science, philosophy, theories of consciousness, complexity theory, and relevant scientific models. Identifies genuine agreements, differences, and questions that remain unresolved.

VIT 605

Civilization-Scale Systems and Existential Futures

Applies the integrated framework to technological development, institutional coherence, collective decision-making, systemic risk, and possible future trajectories of civilizations.

VIT 606

Frontiers of Knowingness and the Metaphysics of Being

Examines advanced hypotheses concerning knowingness, spiritual being, the nature of reality, and the relationship between consciousness and the material universe. Requires explicit distinctions among philosophical argument, conceptual premises, and empirical evidence.

VIT 607

Independent Research in Vitonomy

Conducts an original investigation under expert supervision or structured independent review. The project must state a clear question, methodology, contribution, limitations, and means of critical evaluation.

VIT 608

Doctoral-Style Dissertation: Toward a General Theory of Existence

Produces a substantial original thesis that integrates or critically advances a major component of Vitonomy. The work must defend its contribution through rigorous argument, transparent methods, and independent critical review.