

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
DODGE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2023 through Spring 2024

General Requirements
Minimum Total Hours 90

Program
Biology: Bioinformatics D105 R061 Doctor of Philosophy

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Statistics		
Choose from one of the following:		3
BIOL 4913	Quantitative Biology (taken for graduate credit)	
An equivalent graduate-level statistics course as approved by advisory committee		
Bioinformatics Core		
BIOL 5903		3
BIOL 5913		3
Biology Electives ¹		
30+ hours of graduate-level coursework as specified by the advisory committee		30
Dissertation Research		
BIOL 6980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation (30 hours minimum)	30
Additional Coursework		
Additional courses as needed to complete 90 post-baccalaureate hours, with approval from advisory committee		21
Total Credit Hours		90

¹Bioinformatics students are required to take at least two courses from non-host departments (BIOL 5903 and 5913 may not be used to satisfy this requirement). The student's dissertation advisory committee will determine other specific course requirements.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

A student should expect to spend at least the equivalent of three full academic years beyond the bachelor's degree to obtain the doctoral degree. During this period the student will take appropriate graduate coursework, successfully complete the general examination, and successfully defend and submit the final dissertation.

All coursework applied to the doctoral degree must carry graduate credit.

The doctoral degree requires at least 90 post-baccalaureate hours, including both formal coursework and hours of research.

The minimum hour requirement for a specific doctoral degree program cannot be waived.

No more than one-half of the credit hours, both OU and overall, excluding Research for Doctoral Dissertation (6980), may be S/U-graded coursework.

The student must be in residence at OU for at least two consecutive 16-week semesters during the pursuit of the doctoral degree while enrolled and engaged in coursework or research activities as prescribed by the major academic unit.

For more detailed regulations and requirements for Doctoral degrees, please consult the Graduate College Bulletin: <http://www.ou.edu/gradcollege/forms/bulletin>

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/biological-sciences/biology-bioinformatics-doctor-philosophy/>).