

**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
<b>Cellular and Behavioral Neurobiology: Biology</b>
D146
Doctor of Philosophy

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
BIOL 4913	Quantitative Biology (taken for graduate credit)	3
BIOL 5833	Neurobiology	3
BIOL 5871	Current Topics in Neurobiology (including two student presentations)	1
Minimum 30 hours of coursework at the 5000-6000-level		30
<i>Lab Rotations</i>		
BIOL 5990	Independent Study (2-3 lab rotations)	6-9
<i>Dissertation Research</i>		
BIOL 6980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation (minimum 30 hours)	30
<i>Additional hours</i>		
Additional coursework as needed to reach 90 post-baccalaureate credit hours, with approval of doctoral advisory committee		14-17
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>90</b>

**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/cellular-behavioral-neurobiology-biology-doctor-philosophy/>).