

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

Academic Year	General Requirements	Program
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2023 through Spring 2024	Minimum Total Hours 90	Microbiology D690 R451 Doctor of Philosophy

Minimum Total Hours: 90

Program Code: D690 R451

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
Outside Courses: 3 credit hours of non-microbiology coursework as approved by the dissertation advisory committee. Plant Biology courses may be used as long as they are not cross-listed with MBIO.		3
MBIO 5971	Seminar in Microbiology (up to 2 hours taken for the master's degree may be applied)	3
Additional 5000 and/or 6000 level coursework		
Up to 54 hours of coursework as approved by the dissertation advisory committee. These may include transfer credits from an accredited college or university.		54
Dissertation Research		
MBIO 6980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation (30 hours minimum)	30
Total Credit Hours		90

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/microbiology-standard-doctor-philosophy/>).

NOTES:

- Students must present 2 undergraduate courses that enhance written and oral communication skills, and/or quantitative skills. Does not count towards degree program.
- Independent Research course limitations: Maximum of 6 hours with one instructor, and not more than 12 hours combined under one course number.

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.