

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
COLLEGE OF ATMOSPHERIC AND GEOGRAPHIC SCIENCES
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Academic Year	General Requirements	Program
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2025 through Spring 2026	Minimum Total Hours 90	Geography & Environmental Sustainability D461 Doctor of Philosophy

Minimum Total Hours: 90

Program Code: D461

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/atmospheric-geographic-sciences/geography-environmental-sustainability/geography-environmental-sustainability-doctor-philosophy/>).

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
GEOG 6973	Thinking about Geography and Environmental Sustainability	3
GEOG 6953	Research and Professional Development	3
Two seminars or graduate-level courses (6 hours) on topics relevant to the student's dissertation or professional goals ¹		6
GEOG 6980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation ²	2-78
Total Credit Hours		90

¹ Slashlisted courses, independent study and research courses will not satisfy this requirement.

² Enough to bring total post-baccalaureate credit hours to 90 (after required courses, electives, and any transfer credit hours accepted from the Master's degree)

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>