

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

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2024 through Spring 2025

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Hours .....	96

Program
Communication
D210
Doctor of Philosophy

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**Program Code:** D210

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
COMM 5003	Quantitative Research Methods	3
COMM 5013	Introduction to Graduate Study	3
COMM 5313	Qualitative Research Methods	3
COMM 6023	Communication Research Task Groups	6-9
COMM 6314	History and Theory of Communication	4
COMM 5033	Advanced Statistics	3
or COMM 5323	Advanced Qualitative Research	
COMM 6980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation	2-15
Up to 30 credit hours from a previous master's degree, as approved by advisor and doctoral advisory committee		0-30
Electives as required to reach 96 post-baccalaureate hours		26-72
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>96</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/communication/communication-doctor-philosophy/>).