

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 90

Program
English: Literary Studies D375 R426 Doctor of Philosophy

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Program Code: D375 R426

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses (5000-6000 level) ¹		
ENGL 5113	Teaching College Composition	3
ENGL 5313	Literary Criticism	3
Electives: Seven courses (21 hours) in Literary Studies as approved by graduate liaison and the student's advisor. ²		21
PhD Exam Hours		
ENGL 6880	Research for PhD Exam	3
Dissertation Hours		
ENGL 6980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation (minimum 2 hours, maximum 30)	2-30
Additional Coursework		
Additional courses and/or transfer coursework from a previous master's degree to reach 90 post-baccalaureate hours		30-58
Foreign Language Requirement		
Candidate must have reading proficiency in one foreign language		
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/english/english-literary-studies-doctor-philosophy/>).

¹ If these courses have already been taken at the MA level, then students will take additional electives.

² Electives may include one directed reading (ENGL 5963) with approval of the departmental graduate committee.

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.