

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**DODGE FAMILY 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 2024 through Spring 2025	Minimum Total Hours ..... 90	English: Rhetoric and Writing Studies  D375 R577  Doctor of Philosophy

**Minimum Total Hours:** 90

**Program Code:** D375 R577

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses (5000-6000 level) <sup>1</sup></b>		
ENGL 5113	Teaching College Composition	3
ENGL 5403	Introduction to Rhetoric and Writing Studies	3
ENGL 6103	Research Methods in Rhetoric and Writing	3
Electives: Six courses (18 hours), two of which may be outside Rhetoric & Writing Studies. <sup>2</sup>		18
<b>PhD Exam Hours</b>		
ENGL 6880	Research for PhD Exam	3
<b>Dissertation Hours</b>		
ENGL 6980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation (minimum 2 hours, maximum 30)	2-30
<b>Additional Coursework</b>		
Additional courses and/or transfer coursework from a previous master's degree to reach 90 post-baccalaureate hours		30-58
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>90</b>

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-rhetoric-writing-studies-doctor-philosophy/>).

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

<sup>2</sup> Students must take these electives at the 5000 or 6000 level, but may take one graduate 4000-level class, one course outside the department, and one directed reading (ENGL 5963) with permission from the student's chair and 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.