

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
CHRISTOPHER C. GIBBS COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE
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
Planning, Design and Construction D785 Doctor of Philosophy

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Program Code: D785

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Education		
	Master's level equivalent coursework in architecture, construction, interior design, landscape architecture, and planning or related disciplines	30-44
Core PDC Courses		
PDC 6003	History and Philosophy of Planning, Design and Construction	3
PDC 6023	Advanced Research Methods	3
Core Courses (40-54 hours)		
	Choose a minimum of 9 hours of guided research methods or research analysis courses (beyond PDC 6023)	9
Concentration Courses ¹		
	Choose a minimum of 9 hours from one or more of the following concentrations. Courses are selected based on the requirements of a specific area of concentration and student's interests and goals, as approved by the doctoral committee chair.	9
	Architecture	
	Construction Science	
	Interior Design	
	Landscape Architecture	
	Regional and City Planning	
Dissertation Research		
PDC 6980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation (6+ hours)	6
Total Credit Hours		90

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/gibbs-architecture/college-architecture-administrated-programs/planning-design-construction-doctor-philosophy/>).

¹ Any core concentration courses taken during the first two semesters may be approved by the graduate liaison. During the remaining semesters, core concentration courses should be approved by the student's doctoral committee chair.

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.