

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**  
**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
<b>Adult &amp; Higher Education</b>
<b>D005</b>
Doctor of Philosophy

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Introduction to Doctoral Research (1 course, 3 hours)</b>		
EDAH 6013	Pro Seminar: Foundations of Research in Adult and Higher Education	3
<b>Quantitative Data Analysis (2 courses, 6 hours)</b>		
A two course sequence approved by the student's doctoral advisory committee		6
<b>Qualitative Research Methods &amp; Data Analysis (2 courses, 6 hours)</b>		
A two course sequence approved by the student's doctoral advisory committee		6
<b>Advanced Research Methods (1 course, 3 hours)</b>		
One course approved by the student's doctoral advisory committee		3
<b>Higher Education Core Courses (3 courses, 9 hours)</b>		
EDAH 5013	The Adult Learner	3
EDAH 5023	Administration of Adult and Higher Education	3
EDAH 5033	Critical Literature in Adult and Higher Education	3
<b>Prospectus Development (1 course, 3 hours)</b>		
EDAH 6813	Prospectus Development	3
<b>Dissertation Research (2 hours minimum, 15 hours maximum)</b>		
EDAH 6980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation	2-15
<b>Elective Hours (45-58 hours)</b>		
45-58 hours, including Master's transfer credits, as approved by student's doctoral advisory committee		45-58
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>90</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/rainbolt-education/educational-leadership-policy-studies/adult-higher-education-doctor-philosophy/>).