## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

**JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

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**Program Code:** D835

- This program does not exist until the 2024 catalog year.

### 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](http://www.ou.edu/gradcollege/forms/bulletin).