

3359-60-06.4 Doctoral degree requirements.

- (A) General requirements. A master's degree is not a prerequisite for the doctorate; however, the first year of study after the baccalaureate will be substantially the same for both the master's and doctoral student. No specific admission.
- (1) Usually, a student is not officially considered as a doctoral student until completion of a master's program or its equivalent and approval for further study.
 - (2) A minimum grade-point average of 3.00 is required for graduation of a candidate for all doctoral degrees.
- (C) Continuous enrollment requirement. The graduate school requires that a doctoral student register for a minimum of one graduate credit as approved by his or her adviser during each fall and spring semester. Individual departments may exceed this minimum requirement. A doctoral student should consult with his or her academic department.
- (1) A doctoral student may meet the degree requirements of the graduate school and department by full-time study or a combination of full- and part-time study.
 - (2) The minimum ~~residence~~ residency requirement for a doctoral candidate in all programs is at least two consecutive semesters of full-time study and involvement in departmental activities. "Full-time study" is defined as nine to fifteen semester credits, except for graduate teaching and research assistants for whom full-time study is specified by the assistantship agreements. ~~No student holding a~~

candidate is enrolled for a minimum total of six semester credit hours per combined summer terms. Programs vary in their requirements beyond the minimum, e.g., credits or courses to be completed, proper time to fulfill the ~~residence~~ residency requirement and acceptability of part-time employment.

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- (2) No graduate credit may be received for courses taken by examination or for five-hundred-numbered courses previously taken at the four-hundred number course level as an undergraduate without advance approval from the dean of graduate studies and research.

~~(F)~~ (G) Transfer credits.

- (1) Up to fifty per cent of the total graduate credits above the baccalaureate required in a doctoral program may be transferred from an accredited college or university, including the university of Akron. All transfer credit must be at the “A” or “B” level in graduate courses. The courses must be relevant to the student’s program as determined by the student’s academic department and fall within the ten-year limit if beyond the master’s level. A student already admitted to the university of Akron must receive prior approval from his or her academic department for transfer courses taken elsewhere.
- (2) A student admitted with a master’s degree or equivalent will have work evaluated in relation to the student’s program to determine transfer credit. Thirty semester credits are transferable from a master’s degree. A block transfer of credit does not apply toward the student’s ten-year time limit for degree completion.
- (3) A student seeking to transfer credits must have full admission and be in good standing at the university ~~and the school in which the credits were achieved~~. Transfer credits shall not be recorded until a student has completed twelve semester credits at the university of Akron with a grade-point average of 3.00 or better.

~~(G)~~ (H) Language requirements. There is no university-wide foreign language

knowledge, be presented in a scholarly manner, reveal the candidate's ability to do independent research and indicate experience in research techniques.

- (2) A doctoral dissertation committee supervises and approves the dissertation and administers an oral examination upon the dissertation and related areas of study. This examination is open to the graduate faculty. The dissertation and oral examination must be approved by the committee before the dissertation is submitted to the graduate school. ~~Two copies~~ A final online submission of the dissertation ~~are~~ is due in the graduate school at least ~~two~~ three

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